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HOUSE WORKING ON ESTIMATES

Considerable Decrease Pro-
posed in Expenditure For
Next Year

MR. AYLESWORTH'S BILL

Resignation of Mr. Morse From
Grand Trunk Pacific is
Brought Up

Ottawa, Feb. 1.—In the House of Commons today Hon. Wm. Patterson, acting Minister of Finance, brought down the main estimates. For the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1910, the total is \$119,489,714, as compared with \$129,788,173, the total amount granted for the year ending March 31st next. The decrease is therefore \$10,298,459, but from this will have to be deducted the amount of the supplementary estimates, if any. Last year these supplementary amounts amounted to ten millions. Of next year's estimates, \$80,078,924 are on consolidated fund account and \$39,410,790 on capital account. The principal decrease on capital account is \$13,870,000 for railways and canals.

The principal decrease in consolidated fund expenditure is \$8,000,000 on public works. Militia expense is reduced \$662,000, and arts, agriculture and statistics \$555,000. To pay the interest on the public debt \$14,104,000 is required, as compared with \$12,363,000 for the present year. The militia decrease largely is made up of \$40,000 for annual drill and \$131,812 for engineer services.

In the estimates for British Columbia appears an item of \$25,000 for a quarantine station at Prince Rupert. The following items are included: Improvements on the Columbia river, \$20,000; Fraser river ship channel, \$25,000; general lake and river repairs, \$8,000; Okanagan to Dog Lake, \$10,000; Skeena river, \$6,000; William Head quarantine station, \$5,000; dredge plant in British Columbia, \$150,000; dredging, \$125,000. Revotes are proposed of \$25,000 for a public building at Fernie; \$77,500 for public building at Ladysmith; \$60,000 for the same at Vancouver, and \$43,000 for a public building at Victoria.

Two new county court judges are provided for in British Columbia, requiring votes of \$2,666 for each. This was the first real work day of the session. The House went into supply during the evening sitting on the estimates brought down by Mr. Patterson and by the time adjournment was taken several items under the heading of civil government were passed. There was an air of business about the House which has been steadily lacking during the past few days.

The government bill to prevent the payment or acceptance of illicit or secret commissions was introduced by Hon. A. B. Aylesworth and read for the first time. The minister explained that there was no change in the criminal code prohibiting the receipt of secret commissions in the case of employees of the government or municipal bodies. The proposed measure went a step further and made it illegal in the part of any agent or employee to take a secret commission. Mr. Aylesworth added that the bill was based on a law passed two years ago by the British parliament.

Dr. Barr introduced the bill he fathered last session facilitating the crossing of railways by telegraph, telephone, electric light, and power companies' lines and by water mains.

Mr. Morse's resignation from the Grand Trunk Pacific was brought up by Mr. Armstrong. Hon. G. P. Graham emphatically declared that the government had brought about the resignation, and the statement that they had notified Mr. Hays that Mr. Morse was persona non grata was absolutely unwarranted.

Mr. R. L. Borden introduced his resolution calling for the formation of a

standing committee on natural resources. Mr. Borden did not introduce the subject in any party spirit, and he recognized the work being performed by the Canadian Forestry association. Sir Wilfrid Laurier declared himself favorable to appointing several committees to deal with the separate departments of Canada's resources, and with Mr. Borden's approval the resolution stood over for further consideration.

Lost Both Feet.

Kelowna, Feb. 1.—J. Lister, a young man who was badly frozen recently, has lost both his feet by amputation. He stood alone operation well. It was the only chance of saving his life.

Montreal Clearings Increase

Montreal, Feb. 1.—Montreal bank clearings for the month of January totaled \$134,935,526, compared with \$116,198,937 for the same month last year and \$128,194,689 in 1907.

Earl Morley's Visit.

Ottawa, Feb. 1.—Some correspondents are founding stories upon the visit of Earl Morley to Earl Grey as an indication that the latter may succeed Lord Minto as Viceroy of India. The Earl of Morley is a young man, nephew of Lady Grey, and should not be confounded with Viscount Morley, Secretary of State for India, better known as John Morley.

White Slave Traffic

Chicago, Feb. 1.—A pitiful story of a beautiful girl snatched from the streets of Paris and lured into the United States today resulted in the conviction of Henry Lafr, charged with promoting "white slave traffic" in the United States. He was sentenced by Judge Landis to serve two years in the government prison at Leavenworth, Kas., and to pay \$2,500 fine. The next case to be tried is that of Lucien Darville, Lafr's supposed wife, who is indicted with the charge of having instigated the assassination of a French girl to this country in violation of the immigration laws.

PROSECUTE CASTRO ON CRIMINAL CHARGE

Former President Accused of
Instigating Murder of
Gomez

Caracas, Jan. 29.—Via Port of Spain, Feb. 1.—According to instructions from Senor Alcantara, Minister of the Interior, the attorney-general will bring suit in the federal court against Cipriano Castro, the former president of Venezuela, in the charge of having instigated the assassination of President Jose Vincentes Gomez. Minister Alcantara's communication to the attorney-general was accompanied by a large quantity of documentary proof, which, it was stated, "was collected without doubt by the president of the republic." Continuing, the Minister says in his communication: "The documents show that the black conspiracy which, happily was frustrated by the presence of mind of Supreme Magistrate, was the result of suggestions, advice and orders of General Castro."

In accordance with article 95 of the Constitution, which gives the federal court jurisdiction over this accusation, the minister requests the institution of the necessary proceedings. The court has already decided that adequate proof has been furnished for the beginning of action against General Castro.

Death of Canon Burman.

Winnipeg, Feb. 1.—Rev. Canon Burman, of St. John's College, died on Saturday after a lingering illness from tuberculosis.

Divorce in Nevada.

Carson, Nev., Feb. 1.—The state assembly today passed a bill providing that applicants for divorce in Nevada must be residents of the state for two years, instead of six months, as heretofore.

Hardships at Messina.

Messina, Feb. 1.—The rain still continues, causing much discomfort to the refugees, although some progress has been made in the last few days in the construction of shelters. The municipal council, which since the earthquake has been holding its meetings in a secret building, has transferred its quarters to one of the newly erected huts.

Death of Japanese Statesman

Chicago, Feb. 1.—A cable to the Daily News from Tokyo says: Viscount Tanaka died today. He was a member of the privy council, and took a prominent part in the restoration of the empire after the downfall of the Shogunate. Afterwards he was imperial minister of education and later minister of justice. He also served as envoy to Rome and to Paris.

P. E. I. Steamers Caught in Ice.
Halifax, Feb. 1.—Traffic between Prince Edward Island and the mainland was interrupted. The steamer Minto, which sailed from Georgetown, P. E. I., has been in the ice three miles off Pictou lightship since yesterday, and is landing her mails and passengers over the ice. Steamer Stanley arrived at wharf. The steamer cannot move until the weather changes.

Death of New Westminster Lady.

New Westminster, Feb. 1.—The death of Mrs. Elizabeth Esther Butters, wife of Thomas B. Butters, a well known business man of this city, was a great surprise and shock to her many friends in this city. Mrs. Butters had been seriously ill for some time past, suffering from neuralgia of the stomach, but of late she was thought to be improving and the announcement of her demise yesterday was a great surprise. She was 40 years of age and had lived in New Westminster for several years. She leaves three daughters and a son besides a husband, all residents of this city. The children are: Mrs. J. E. Brown, Miss Edna Butters, Miss Gladys Butters and Mr. Lawrence Butters.

COMPLETE CANAL IN FIVE YEARS

Prediction Made as Result of
Inspection By Special
Engineers

PRESENT PLANS APPROVED

President-Elect Taft and Party
Pay Visit to Work at
Culebra

Culebra, Panama, Feb. 1.—W. H. Taft and the engineers accompanying him reached here today on a special train, and made a detailed examination of the 14 miles of the Culebra cut. The fact that the existing plans for the lock and dam at Gatun are satisfactory to the visiting engineers has created a local feeling of optimism, and signals in the completion of the work have been relieved.

Will Settle Question.

If the official report of the engineers accompanying Mr. Taft is favorable to the work already done on the Panama Canal, and the despatches from the Isthmus intimate strongly that they will take this view, the controversy between those who favor a sea-level canal and the adherents of the lock system probably will be ended. The present plans for the locks and the approval of the engineers will mean the completion of the project on this basis.

Panama, Feb. 1.—That Mr. Taft is acting as pacifier in the factional feeling, which at times is very marked, is shown by the fact that invitations have been sent to both President Obaldia and Senator Elias, at one time opposition candidates for the presidency, to the dinner and reception arranged for tomorrow by Herbert Squires, the United States Minister, in honor of the American president-elect.

Mr. Taft this afternoon called upon ex-President Amador, who is ill. Ex-President Amador and President Obaldia have not been on friendly terms for a long time because of political differences. Mr. Taft wishes to make it plain that his cordiality is towards Panama as a whole, and not towards one or another political faction, and he has endeavored during his stay here to treat all men and all parties in the same cordial manner. Both sides of the controversy, which has arisen through the commissary system, will be given a hearing, but he will make no recommendation with regard to the treaty which refers to the question of arbitration. Without doubt the commissary will continue, although so-called luxuries will be eliminated. Mr. Taft has expressed full confidence in the judgment of Secretary Root in this matter.

Prior to the visit of Mr. Taft and the board of engineers to the Culebra cut today advanced the construction work are much gratified at the results of the investigation of the special engineers. Col. Goethals said today that naval vessels would sail through the lock canal by Jan. 1, 1915.

STATEMENT ISSUED BY FOREIGN OFFICE

Canadian Government Con-
sulted at All Stages on
Waterways Treaty

London, Feb. 1.—The Canadian correspondents of English papers are sending reports of Canadian complaints that the terms of the waterways treaty between the United States and Canada, which was recently signed at Washington, by Secretary of State Root and the British Ambassador, James Bryce, were kept secret from Canada. In reply to these complaints, the British foreign office has issued a statement that from beginning to end the whole affair was negotiated with the full knowledge and acquiescence of the Canadian Government at whose instigation the draft of the treaty was prepared. The statement adds that all amendments were prepared by Canada or referred to Ottawa and concurred in by the Canadian government before being embodied in the treaty.

Baptist Mission Contribution.

Toronto, Feb. 1.—Baptists have raised over \$55,000 towards the \$500,000 which it was decided by the laymen of Toronto to raise during the past year for the extension of missions.

Stirling Divorce Case.

Edinburgh, Feb. 1.—In the Stirling cross suit for divorce was revived today, when Mrs. Stirling, the former American show girl, began her defence to her husband's charges. She occupied the stand the greater part of the day, and made a pathetic figure several times being overcome with tears. She characterized many of the assertions of her husband's lawyers as villainous lies, and accused Mrs. Atherton of intriguing to throw her in company with Lord Northland so that she could monopolize Mr. Stirling. On account of the questions which they wished ask, counsel would not proceed until every woman was cleared out of court early in the proceedings today.

Lower Customs Revenue.

Ottawa, Feb. 1.—The customs revenue of the Dominion for January declined \$355,236 compared with the same month last year.

Quebec Wedding.

Quebec, Feb. 1.—Juliet, daughter of Col. Duchesnay, and a society favorite of Quebec, was married this morning to Prince Hugo Ferretti, of Rome.

Nelson Beats Moyie

Nelson, Feb. 1.—Nelson tonight defeated Moyie at hockey by 16 to 3. The game was unusually rough, no less than 17 penalties being inflicted, pretty evenly divided between the two teams.

Tragedy of Fire and Frost

Gaylord, Mich., Feb. 1.—Mrs. Alfred Wauanza saved the lives of two of her children when their home near here was burned last night, by throwing them from a second-story window into snow banks. The mother, however, was probably fatally burned while rescuing the children, and a third child was burned to death. The flames preventing her mother from reaching her room. Wauanza, the father, jumped uninjured from a window. Then the family, barefooted and the mother almost roasted from waist to shoulders, had to walk half a mile through the snow to secure shelter.

Left Without Fuel

Columbus, O., Feb. 1.—With the thermometer ten degrees below zero today, Lancaster, 25 miles from here, is practically without fuel. The natural gas main from the West Virginia field has broken from across the river and the city is without a supply. Lines of people are going to the coal yards with buckets, baskets and wheelbarrows, or anything else they can get, out the coal supply will soon be exhausted. All the factories and schools have closed. At Upper Sandusky the natural gas has been reduced to the lowest pressure, and the water pipes have frozen.

PERSIST WITH BILLS AGAINST JAPANESE

California Legislators Not Im-
pressed With Letter From
President

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 1.—President Roosevelt's letter to Governor Gillett on the Japanese question, made public today, apparently has not converted Grove L. Johnson, the author of the bills prohibiting Japanese from being members of corporations and providing for their segregation.

"It has no more effect on me," he said, "than water on a duck's back. I have not changed my mind in the least about the wisdom of enacting these anti-Japanese laws."

A. M. Drew, author of the bill prohibiting aliens from holding land in the state, said: "After a cursory reading of the letter, I am determined to stand for the bill as it has been amended. As to the president's views in this latest letter I take no exception, but I do believe that Secretary Root in the letter enclosed by the President takes an unwarranted stand against all legislation proposed against the Japanese. My object in introducing the land bill, I frankly state, was to keep Japanese from getting a foothold in California. They are not and should not be allowed to become citizens of this country, and they should not have the right of property ownership."

"We are confronted with a serious situation in this regard, and I shall make every effort to have measures preventing all aliens from owning land passed through the legislature."

The rules were suspended in the House today and the Drew bill prohibiting aliens from owning land in California was received as amended by the author, and is passed upon by the judiciary committee. The measure will be the first order of business on Wednesday. Louis L. Lullard, chairman of the assembly Democratic caucus, said today that the minority had not yet declared upon a course of action.

In his letter to Governor Gillett, President Roosevelt quotes from a letter of former Secretary of State Root to Governor Gillett, and from a memorandum, pointing out that Mr. Root saw no objection to a law which treated all aliens alike, but to avoid conflict with the constitution such statutes should contain an expressed provision, excepting from their operations any rights secured by treaty between the United States and foreign nations. Mr. Roosevelt says that this view has his cordial endorsement.

Winnipeg Bond Issue

Winnipeg, Feb. 1.—The city council tonight passed a bylaw to provide for an issue of half a million pounds sterling in bonds on the London market, the money to be used for local improvements and municipal power plant.

Mexican Railway Merger

Mexico City, Feb. 1.—The physical merger of the Mexican Central and other national railways became effective today and the Mexican government has taken over 7,012 miles of line. N. B. Brown has been named as president of the new company.

Panthers Numerous.

New Westminster, Feb. 1.—A large number of panthers have been seen in various parts of this district during the present winter, and many have been shot. Fred Elphick and his father, of Chilliwack, have just brought in three lion skins and received the bounty of \$15 each from the government.

Extradition Refused.

Regina, Feb. 1.—Claude D. McReady, alias Jean Goodnow, arrested here on a warrant from St. Paul charging him with being a party to procuring the performance of a criminal operation on a young girl, was dismissed from custody today, as extradition was refused. The judge refused the application on the grounds that the State of Minnesota had not submitted sufficient evidence to make good its case.

RUSSIAN PLAN IS ACCEPTABLE

Difficulty Over Bulgaria's Pay-
ment to Turkey Reaches
Settlement

BURDEN IS TRANSFERRED

War Between Two Countries
Was Likely While Dead-
lock Continued

St. Petersburg, Feb. 1.—The Turkish-Bulgarian deadlock over the amount of money to be paid to Turkey by Bulgaria because of the Bulgarian declaration of independence is practically broken, and the war cloud in south-eastern Europe has been dissipated by the acceptance of a plan proposed by Russia, which reconciles in a novel manner the Turkish claim of 120,000,000 francs (\$24,000,000) and the Bulgarian offer of 80,000,000 francs (\$16,000,000). This plan is based on the war indemnity of 8,000,000 francs (\$1,600,000) a year which in accordance with the Berlin treaty of 1878, Turkey is to pay to Russia for a hundred years. These payments bear no interest. The Russian proposal is to remit them until the Turkish claim against Bulgaria is satisfied. Russia will collect, instead, 80,000,000 francs from Bulgaria in similar instalments. These payments will bear interest, and the amount of this interest will recoup Russia.

Bulgaria has formally assented to this proposal, and the Russian government has assurances that the plan is satisfactory to Turkey.

The settlement of the Turkish-Bulgarian difficulties, it is stated in well-informed circles, involves the recognition of the Empire of Bulgaria, whose proclamation of independence precipitated the crisis. As soon as the details of the arrangements have been worked out, the protocols will be signed.

It is understood that Turkey will take the lead in recognizing Emperor Ferdinand not waiting for a conference of the powers to do so. The other powers will perform follow this example. The Russian scheme also will obviate the necessity for international control of Bulgarian finances, which would have been almost inevitable had Bulgaria been forced to float an ordinary loan to cover the payment for the railroad and the Rumelian tribute. As it is, Bulgaria will not be so burdened as it would be to keep up the military establishment. The settlement is a great relief to the Russian officials upon whom the task fell. Last week they professed optimism on the ultimate result of their diplomatic negotiations, but they now admit that war between Bulgaria and Turkey was an imminent possibility unless the deadlock were broken.

Boycott Raised

Vienna, Feb. 1.—It is announced from Constantinople that the grand vizier has informed Marquis E. Alavinehi, the Austro-Hungarian ambassador, that the Austrian boycott has been raised.

Powers Approve.

London, Feb. 1.—A despatch to the Times from St. Petersburg says that the powers have approved Russia's plan for the payment of the Turkish claims against Bulgaria, which is to cancel sufficient instalments of the Turkish war indemnity to enable Turkey to borrow the sum of 125,000,000 francs (\$25,000,000) demanded from Bulgaria, Bulgaria undertaking to reimburse Russia to the extent of 82,000,000 francs (\$16,400,000) by the annual payment of 7,000,000 francs for interest and sinking fund. Thus instead of receiving 3,000,000 francs year from Turkey, Russia will draw 5,000,000 from Bulgaria.

In an editorial the Times says with reference to Russia's sacrifice in Bulgaria's interest: "Seldom has it seemed possible to attain so many and such varied ends of high importance at so small an outlay. Russia will well be proud of the minister who conceived so statesmanlike a design. M. Isolsky has taken a step which deserves the gratitude and admiration of all Europe."

Death of Parish Priest.

Belleville, Ont., Feb. 1.—Rev. Father Twomey, parish priest of St. Michael, died at noon today. He had been ill for some days.

Horses May Come In

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 1.—The collector of customs today received word that the quarantine existing against the admission into Canada of horses from the state of Michigan has been withdrawn. Cattle are still prohibited from entering.

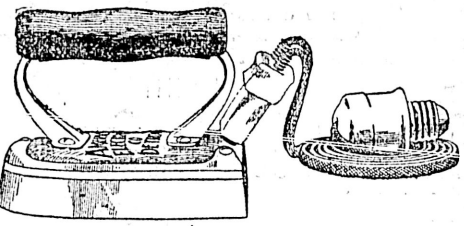
Savings Bank in Trouble

Boston, Feb. 1.—An injunction to restrain the Greenfield Savings bank of Greenfield, Mass., from receiving or paying deposits was issued today by Judge Sheldon of the Supreme court, at the request of Savings Bank Commissioner Pierre Jay. The bank according to its last statement, has deposits from 7,000 depositors amounting to \$3,069,338. Its assets totalled \$3,138,879. Its surplus was \$107,785.

Lincoln Anniversary.

Washington, Feb. 1.—Without amendment the senate today passed the house bill making February 12, 1909, the 100th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, a legal holiday throughout the United States, for which purpose the President is authorized to issue a special proclamation. The bill also declares that as a part of a national memorial to Lincoln, there may be built a highway from Washington City to the battlefield of Gettysburg, to be known as the "Lincoln Way." An appropriation of \$50,000 is made for a survey of plans and estimates for such a highway.

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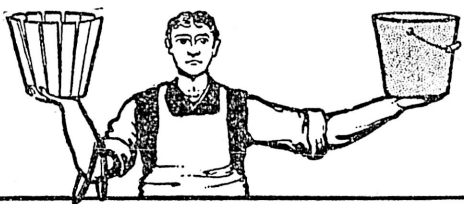
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Edinburgh College of Art so far as it has been completed was formally opened recently by Lord Provost Gibson.

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STILL FURTHER FUSS OVER CITY TENDER

Council's Course Calls Forth Protests From Those Who Tendered

Why he should be notified that his tender for sand and gravel had been accepted and a few days later he informed that his tender did not comply with the resolution passed by the council that the contract should be awarded to the lowest tenderer who had complied with the specifications, was the subject of a lengthy communication from Haggerty & Company, one of the tenderers, to the city council and read at last night's meeting of that body.

Alderman Turner brought up the matter by asking for an explanation and also asking why it was that a letter written by Mr. Hicks, another tenderer, was read at the last meeting of the council when the letter was in the hands of the city. Mr. Hicks had written pointing out that if his tender were accepted the city would save some \$4,000. He it was who, at the last meeting, was referred to as "a straw man," and whose tender was sarcastically referred to.

Answering Alderman Turner's question Mayor Hall explained that the letter from Mr. Hicks was in the hands of the city clerk and had been pinned to the report of the city engineer and purchasing agent who had passed upon the tenders, but it was overlooked. The city engineer had attempted to get in touch with Mr. Hicks and had even wired to Vancouver, but not a trace of him could be found. Part of the tender for sand and filling had been given to Grant and Lineham and part to the Haggerty Company, and he had asked the city clerk to so notify them, but later it was discovered that Haggerty and Company had not complied with the specifications, which called for information as to where the tenderer proposed to get the material. Haggerty and Company had stated that the material it would supply should be given the contract, would not come from Spring Ridge, but it failed to say where the company proposed to procure it.

Called it a Shame. Alderman Henderson declared it to be a shame that at the last meeting the aldermen were dubbing Mr. Hicks a "straw man" and casting doubt upon his bona fides and all the time his letter was in the hands of the city.

A communication from Haggerty and Company pointed out that in the tender submitted by them it was stated that the radius within which it was proposed to deliver the gravel was from Spring Ridge to the postoffice, but nothing was said about getting the gravel from Spring Ridge.

Alderman Henderson believed that the Hicks' tender was the cheapest all round, but Alderman Stewart declared that according to figures compiled by the city engineer, it was not. On the contrary, Mr. Hicks' tender would cost the city about \$8,000 more. The Haggerty tender, excluding Smith's Hill reservoir, was that much lower, and including Smith's Hill, about \$10,000.

Alderman Humber, referring to the guarantee of the B.C. Sand and Gravel Company, that the company would supply Mr. Hicks with all the material he needed, stated that it was a very funny thing that Mr. Hicks could put in a tender at a lower figure than the B.C. Sand and Gravel Company, which also had put in a tender.

Finally the matter was referred to the mayor and city engineer to look into and report to the council.

Disturbed the Sabbath.

Because the Vancouver Portland Cement company, Tod Inlet, had been allowed to take one of the city's rock crushers, or at least the parts thereof, and because the company took occasion to send its men into the city and do the work of dismantling the machine on Sunday, the council received a protest from Mr. Wescott, superintendent of the Methodist Sunday school at Spring Ridge, who protested against city workmen working on the sabbath.

That the crusher had been interfered with was news to the majority of the aldermen, Aldermen Henderson and Fullerton asking for an explanation. Mayor Hall stated that the company's machine had been put out of business and as the city is getting a great amount of cement from Tod Inlet and unless the company could be furnished temporarily with a part of the city's machine the supply of cement would be cut off and thus several of the city's cement gangs laid off. It had been considered best that the city's machine should supply the remedy.

Alderman Turner took the responsibility of the whole matter. He had consulted with the city engineer and as it is impossible to get a supply of cement from the city dealers it was felt that the Vancouver Portland Cement company should be assisted.

Mayor Hall declared that the men sent by Mr. Wescott to take the city employees but employees of the company. He had told Mr. Wescott that on Sunday night when the latter had called him up on the telephone and why the protest should have been sent in he could not understand.

Must Comply With Tender.

The Taylor Mill company, to whom the contract for lumber and wood blocks for paving purposes was awarded, will not be allowed to change the provisions of the contract which the city solicitor had prepared for the signature of the company. The contract calls for the delivery of 17,000 paving blocks per day if required but the solicitors of the company, Messrs. Fell & Gregory, in returning the draft agreement to the city changed this amount to 100,000 blocks per month and not exceeding 7,500 per day. This change the city solicitors pointed out in their communication to the council, would reduce the daily amount to about 4,000 blocks per day.

On Alderman Fullerton's suggestion the council decided that no change be allowed in the specifications which must be carried out to the letter.

The city solicitors also wrote that they had arranged to have the matter of the level crossing over the E. & N. railway, in Victoria West, which the board of railway commissioners had ordered closed, again come before the commissioners on February 27 when the board will sit here. The city's application, the solicitors state will be sharply contested by the railway company. The matter was referred to the legislative committee.

Josiah Collins, chairman of the committee on amusements, music and athletic sports of the Yukon-Pacific exposition, wrote extending, through Mayor Hall, an invitation to

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The citizens of Victoria to visit the fair and asking Victorians to give their hearty co-operation in preparing a programme for a special day, June 17, to be known as "Victoria Day." Mr. Collins suggested that a committee be appointed which can co-operate with his committee in arranging all details covering ceremonies and entertainment of Victorians on that date, and securing such excursion rates as will ensure a large attendance from Victoria. Mr. Collins' communication will be considered later.

Track Extensions.

The request of A. T. Goward, local manager of the B. C. Electric company, for grades on Port street, from Cook street to Fernwood road, where it is proposed to double track the company's line will be granted. The company will also be informed that it is the intention of the city to proceed with paving of the Causeway and at some subsequent time Douglas street and will be asked to have the necessary supply of heavy rails in readiness which can be put down when the paving work is in progress.

Alderman Stewart suggested that the city engineer be asked to prepare an estimate of what it would cost to lay brick paving blocks instead of wood on the causeway.

The communication from the Trades and Labor council enclosing a draft schedule of conditions governing employment of men on all municipal works, the chief features of which are eight hour day, a minimum wage and a weekly pay day, was referred to the legislative committee. The Trades and Labor council desires that its suggestions be embodied in a bylaw.

Mrs. Elizabeth Coles, Lansdown road, wrote complaining of the damage done to her property by the passing of and fro of herds of cows. Her communication was filed. A bylaw is now being prepared to deal with such cases.

School Board's Needs.

The school board forwarded its estimate of the sums required for the current year's expenses of maintaining the schools. The total, which aggregated \$110,000, is made up as follows: Janitors' salaries, \$6,000; fuel, \$3,000; board expenses, \$1,500; furniture, \$4,000; supplies, \$2,500; repairs and alterations, \$9,000; fire insurance, \$1,000; miscellaneous, \$1,700; teachers' salaries, \$81,500. The board's estimates will be considered when the city's estimates for the year are prepared.

The Sisters of St. Joseph applied for exemption from water rates and property tax. The request was referred to the finance committee and the water commission.

A communication from H. Stadthagen, called attention to the fact that it is about time to stop using the name "Vancouver." He points to the recently organized Vancouver Island Development League, and protests against the name Vancouver which, he asserts, should be replaced by the name Victoria. Mr. Stadthagen thinks there is too much free advertising of Vancouver when Victoria should get it.

Only One Tender.

Tenders for printing and binding the annual report of the city were received from but one concern, the Victoria Printing and Publishing company, whose tender was \$128 a page. Last year the figure was ninety cents per page. The tender was referred to the finance committee.

A lengthy communication from John Staples, complaining of the way the city foremen drive the men and declaring that the foremen only need the "slave driver's whip," to make their equipment complete was received and filed.

A resolution instructing City Assessor Northcott to start the work returned by May 15 was passed. The question of the appointment of assistant assessors will be taken up later.

The Annual Loan Bylaw authorizing the city to borrow \$250,000 wherewith to carry out the city's affairs until such time as the taxes are due was put through its various stages.

The application of the W. C. T. U. mission for the continuance of the monthly donation of \$25 which the city contributes towards the maintenance of the mission was referred to the finance committee.

Civic Legislation.

The legislative committee's report was adopted as follows:

Gentlemen,—We, your legislative committee, beg to report that we have taken into consideration at our weekly meeting held today the following matters:

The receipt of report from city solicitors re application to board of railway commissioners for vehicular crossing over the Old Zeehan road. We recommend that special attention be given to the preparation for the hearing before the board on the 27th of February.

Re Bullock's claim against the city. We recommend that this claim be resisted.

Re suit brought against the Victoria & Sidney railway. We recommend that the legal advisers of the corporation be asked to bring this litigation to a speedy determination so that the position of the city as regards the market building be made clear.

We have approved the outline of an agreement with the B. C. Electric company as to the crossing of the sidewalk at Foul Bay road.

We further received from city solicitors as to the private waterworks bill having passed the standing orders committee of the legislative assembly.

We gave consideration to the following bylaw legislation required and have approved a form of bylaw regu-

lating the driving of dairy cows and cattle through the city streets and recommended that same be introduced next meeting of the council.

We recommend to the council the bylaw requested by the parks board. Your committee heard certain recommendations from the pound keeper and have referred same to the city solicitors for report.

Bylaw dealing with subdivisions and certain buildings in the residential quarter to be dealt with at the next meeting by this committee.

The finance committee report was adopted as read.

Your Finance Committee having considered the various matters referred to them, beg to report as follows:

1. Communication from B. C. Building News, we recommend that the city does not at present take advantage of their offer.

2. We recommend that a grant of \$100 be made to the Ladies' Guild of the Seamen's Institute.

3. Third.—That the date for payment of taxes on the 15th and 30th of each month or as nearly as possible to that date.

Fourth.—Re communication of Mr. B. Sord regarding an illustrated booklet titled "Victoria—The City Beautiful." We recommend that the city do not assist this enterprise at present.

Streets Committee Report.

The report of the streets, bridges and sewers committee was adopted as follows:

1. Communication of Major C. T. Dupont, calling attention to the condition of Fort Street, between Stanley Avenue and Oak Bay Avenue.

Recommended that Major Dupont be informed that the work of constructing the proposed new cement sidewalk will be commenced at once, and that the council have under consideration a proposition for the paving of the street from the junction of Yates and Fort Street to Mount Tolmie Road.

2. Communication of Crease & Crease and Messrs. Beavan Bros. et al, re rock left on Davie Street, and also requesting that the roadway be improved.

Recommended that the writers be informed that the street is to be made as a work of local improvement, and that the work will be undertaken as soon as the weather is favorable to allow of the work being carried on in the most economical manner.

3. Communication of A. F. Preston, asking that the cement sidewalk which is to be laid on Fort Street, be continued on to his lot which fronts on Mount Tolmie Road.

Recommended that the request be granted provided the owner of said lot pays to the city, in cash, the total amount cost of the work.

4. Communications of Hon. Mr. Justice Irving and James McArthur, complaining of the condition of the crossing on Cook Street from Fort Street southerly.

Recommended that the writers be informed that the City Engineer has received instructions to have the crossing cleared off.

5. Petition of E. M. Haynes for the extension of the sewer on Linden Avenue between Fairfield Road and Richardson Street.

Recommended that the writer be informed that the sewer asked for will be constructed before the improvement of the portion of said avenue referred to is commenced.

6. Thos. J. Ross re surface water Richardson Street, between Vancouver and Cook Streets.

Recommended that a surface water pipe drain be laid on said street at an estimated cost of \$650.00.

7. C. J. Brayshaw re condition of Fairfield Road.

Recommended that the writer be informed that the sewer of his complaint will receive attention.

8. Communication of J. Kennedy re piling of sand and gravel close to his fence on Langford Street, and asking that a sidewalk be constructed.

Recommended that the writer be informed that the material complained of will be removed in the near future, and that his request for the sidewalk has been granted. Estimated cost \$12.00.

9. Communication of D. Zarelli asking for a plank walk on the west side of Chambers Street from Johnson Street northerly.

Recommended that this walk be laid. Estimated cost \$14.00.

10. Communication of Mrs. Frances A. Walker re condition of Delta Street.

Recommended that Mrs. Walker be informed that the improvement of this street is included in a local improvement proposition, and that so far the foundation has only been laid, but that as soon as the rock crusher is available the work will be completed.

11. Communication of J. R. Carmichael, clerk of Saanich Municipality, re surface water on Alpha and Tolmie Avenues.

Recommended that the writer be informed that this district is included in the main surface drainage scheme of the city, for which funds are available and that the work will be proceeded with as soon as weather conditions are favorable for carrying on the work.

Communication of A. C. McCallum et al, complaining of the impassable state of Foul Bay Road, between Fairfield road and Crescent road. Recommended that the petitioners be informed that the council will undertake the improvement of this road as a work of local improvement, on condition that the owners of property interested assume 4-5ths of the total cost of the work.

Communication of S. Perry Mills complaining of rock belonging to the corporation being piled up in front of his property on Belmont avenue. Recommended that the writer be informed that the rock in question will be removed as speedily as possible.

Communication of H. T. Knott and W. J. Callum re condition of Caledonia avenue. Recommended that the street be improved between Cook and Chambers street at a cost not to exceed \$50.

Communication of J. G. Elliott, requesting that the sewer be extended to his residence on Lee avenue. Recommended that the writer be informed that the council regret that owing to his house being outside the sewer area of the city, it is not practicable to construct the same, but that the surface drainage of this locality will receive attention.

Communication of Lee & Fraser requesting that a crossing be constructed over the boulevard in front of lot 1035 Mears street. Recommended that the request be granted, provided the owners of the lot pay the entire cost of same, the work to be done by the city.

Recommended that the sum of \$64,300

All expenditures contemplated in the foregoing to be subject to favorable report thereon by the finance committee and adoption of said report by the council.

MONTREAL SHAKEN

Three Shocks, Supposed to Be Earthquakes, Arouse People From Their Sleep.

Montreal, Feb. 1.—Was there a series of earthquake shocks last night and early this morning? Was the question being asked by everyone today. The seismographs at McGill University failed to record any of the three shocks felt, but this is explained by the fact that the instrument is an old one, and not to be relied on. The shocks were not registered on the seismographs at the observatory, which are up-to-date and reliable. Nevertheless Montrealers were awakened from their sound sleep this morning by a jar like that of an ex-

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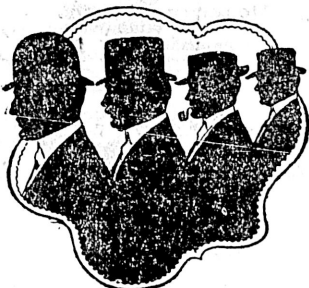
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COUNCIL SHOULD LOOK TO FUTURE METHODS

Little to Be Gained By Investi-
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ures

That to investigate past methods of carrying on civic works when what is needed is to adopt some system which will guarantee the future economical and efficient conduct of the city's affairs is a waste of time is the advice tendered the city council by J. Stuart Yates, whose communication was read at last night's meeting of the council. Mr. Yates wrote as follows: "Gentlemen—While I have watched with a good deal of interest the investigation which has been and is still being carried on by you to ascertain how much (if any) of the ratepayers' money has been lost by the methods adopted by recent councils in the employment of labor, I think that nothing will be gained as the result of this investigation which cannot be attained in a simpler and more expeditious manner. As to what has been spent—that is gone, and there is no use in 'crying over spilt milk.' I would suggest that instead of occupying your valuable time in harassing examinations of various officials and citizens, eliciting that some one had a watch or something else presented to him and which only tend to personal animosity, you should direct your enquiry as to the past deficiencies and adopt the following plan in regard to any future civic work of a comprehensive character. First, fix a unit of work. By 'unit' I simply mean a certain measure or quantity of work. For example, if you have a mile of pipe to lay, let your unit be say, 500 of 1000 feet. Second, call for tenders of as many units of the work as you see fit, always, however, retaining a certain number to be done by day labor. The rest of the work by contract and do the rest by day labor. By this means you will be able to compare the two systems on the same class of work and I venture to say that by the end of the year the question as to whether contract work or day labor is best in the interest of the citizens would cease to be a matter of conjecture for theory. You would then have the results of practical experience as a guide for future councils. Trusting you will accept this suggestion in the spirit in which it is given as coming from one who has the city's best interests at heart."

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Lecture Last Evening.
Sergeant-Major Schoof lectured last evening before a large audience, and will lecture tomorrow evening in the lecture room of the First Presbyterian church.

CAUGHT IN VERY ACT

Thief in Act of Ransacking Mayor Hall's Offices When Arrested

Caught red-handed as he was in the act of ransacking the dental offices of Mayor Hall, Brunswick block, Yates street, A. Barrable was arrested last night shortly after 11 o'clock. A telephone message sent to the police station by one of two young men who had seen the man enter the offices brought Detective Sergeant Palmer and Detective O'Leary to the scene before Barrable, unmindful that he was being watched, could get away. He had done his worshipful's overcoat and was busy endeavoring to get into some drawers wherein was stored a quantity of gold, but the arrival of the police cut him short in his operations.

RETURNED TO PRISON

Louis Kelly, Who Escaped Last Summer, Once More an Inmate of Penitentiary

New Westminster, Feb. 1.—Secure in his belief that at last he had obtained freedom and was in a position to enjoy life, Louis Kelly, an escaped half-breed from the provincial penitentiary in this city, decided to settle down and take a wife. He did so, taking a widow of Wapato, Washington state, to the altar last Wednesday. But unfortunately for his plan for happiness the married couple were arrested last night and seen the face before when he met the man on the street, and as a result of an investigation among the papers in his office, wired Chief McIntosh of the city police for a description of a convict who escaped from the pen on Aug. 21, 1907. The chief obtained a description and a photograph from the penitentiary officials and forwarded them to Wapato with the result that Kelly was apprehended in North Yakima and on Saturday was landed safely behind the bars which he left two years ago. In the interim Kelly served a sentence of some months for theft. The crime which took him to the penitentiary was highway robbery and for which he was sentenced to two and a half years. With a fellow convict he escaped from the penal settlement at Wright Island in Pitt lake in a boat.

MR. LAIRD DENIES

Makes Statement as to Receipts—Jury Now Considering Verdict in Libel Suit

Regina, Sask., Feb. 1.—The jury is considering the verdict to be rendered in the Laird-Scott libel case tonight. Addresses of counsel having been completed this afternoon and the judge summing up this evening. The jury retired after dinner.

Laird was on the stand all morn-

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COAL MINES FLOODED

Sea Breaks Into Mabou, C.B., Property, Which Will Have to Be Abandoned

Halifax, N.S., Feb. 1.—The coal mines at Mabou, C.B., which lie entirely under the ocean, have been flooded, the sea having broken into them at the depth of 1,400 feet and the pumps being unable to reduce the flow. The mines are the property of a syndicate in Cincinnati, Ohio, which spent a million dollars on them. They have not been operated since October. At that time the syndicate had trouble with the provincial government, and since that date the provincial authorities have been in charge, maintaining a force of men to keep them dry. The mines will have to be abandoned.

TRACING MURDERERS

Manitoba Police Say They Have Found Men Who Committed Elkhorh and Other Crimes

Winnipeg, Feb. 1.—Within a few days the men concerned in the murder of Mike Sagar at Elkhorh will be put on trial. Ever since the crime the provincial police have been working on the case, and through the confession of a Galician named Krafenko they now have enough evidence to secure a conviction. Krafenko was a member of a gang committing depredations of all descriptions through Western Canada, but was not at Elkhorh at the time of the murder. He is now doing time in Manitoba penitentiary, and has confessed the whole affair. The three men implicated in the murder are now serving serving short terms for minor crimes, and it is alleged that the names of guilty parties are Powell, Blake and Hanson, and it is believed that Krafenko was a partner in the crime. These men now in Lethbridge police barracks, another is at Kenora, while the third is in Winnipeg.

To these crooks are traced many crimes, including a \$2,000 for robbery at Kenora, safe breaking at Stonewall and Bonsejour, housebreaking at Winnipeg and many minor crimes throughout the province. The confession of

Krafenko is liable to re-open the Lennox murder case, as the police claim to have important new evidence, especially regarding the revolver, which killed Lennox and which Krafenko swore to giving to Rogers. Sensational developments in these two cases will be announced shortly.

RECLAMATION SCHEME

Progress of Work Undertaken By B. C. Company at Sumas Prairie

New Westminster, Feb. 1.—The large party of nearly a hundred surveyors and helpers who have been engaged for several months past on the preliminary work of the big reclamation scheme to be carried out at Sumas Prairie by the British Columbia Electric railway has suspended operations (ill the cold weather is over, and it is expected the work will be resumed in March.

The work is under the direction of Stirling B. Hill, C.E., of Seattle and five parties in all are engaged in the work. One party is engaged in compiling figures of the amount of water in each stream flowing into the district to be reclaimed, so that it will be known what capacity will be required at the pumping stations. Another party is carrying on boring operations to ascertain the depth and class of soil in all parts of the land to be reclaimed, while a third is running lines for the proposed dyke.

The other two parties are doing the preliminary work on what will be the most important feature of the undertaking, the laying of immense pipe lines for the carrying of water from the Vedder river to the pumping stations and a powerhouse. It is intended to operate the pumps by water power from the water coming into the lowland for the purpose of operating

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a portion of the Chilliwack tram line. It is expected that the surveyors will complete their work early this year and that actual construction on the pipe lines and dyke will be commenced immediately after the annual freshet.

RAILWAY COMMISSION

Winnipeg Sitting is Commenced—Several Complaints to Occupy Its Attention

Winnipeg, Feb. 1.—The railway commission began its session in Winnipeg today. The members will probably be busy in this city for ten days, when they will go to different parts in the west.

Very little progress was made today, minor matters only being dealt with. The commissioners present were Judge Mabey and S. J. McLean, and there were also in attendance R. Richardson, secretary, and W. S. Buell.

The most important case mentioned, and which will be fully considered at a later stage in the proceedings, was the resolution and petition from the Manitoba legislature for reciprocal demurrage.

The complaints laid before the commission include grain shipments, live stock shipments and express rates.

Assembly of Boer Giants

Johannesburg, Feb. 1.—Many men of fine physique are to be found among the Boers, and a Transvaal Journal records a remarkable assembly of giants recently brought together at Pretoria on the occasion of the funeral of Daniel Erasmus, known as "Dink Daniel." The Erasmuses are one of the most notable families of big people in the Transvaal, where big men are the rule. "Some thirty men of extraordinary proportions attended the funeral, and about the

same number of equally near relatives of similar large build were absent. These men range in height from 6 ft. 2 in. up to 6 ft. 7 in., and they are broad and heavy in proportion. It is quite certain that they must be the clan of biggest men on earth, even the women going over 6 ft. in many cases."

Steamship St. Louis Crippled

New York, Feb. 1.—With the lower part of her rudder broken off by heavy seas which she encountered in mid-ocean, the American liner St. Louis reached port today, having been steered by her twin screws since the accident. The two lower sections of the rudder were carried away by a heavy confused sea during a southeasterly gale on Thursday at 4 o'clock. The speed of the ship was reduced to thirteen knots an hour during the remainder of the gale, and until the rough seas subsided, after which it was found possible in smooth water to steer with the remaining portions of the rudder. The St. Louis came up the harbor under her own steam, towing two tugboats, which acted as rudders.

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COMOX-ATLIN.

There is to be a contest in Comox-Atlin and we have letters which say Mr. Templeman has his work cut out for him. It has never been the policy of the Colonist to take a very active part in by-elections in other constituencies than Victoria and those in this neighborhood, and as at present advised it does not intend in the present instance to depart from this course, although much will depend upon what is developed during the campaign. In an election in such a constituency as Comox-Atlin it is not very much use for any newspaper to concern itself to any great extent, because of the difficulty of reaching the great majority of the voters. In that constituency there are a little over 3,000 names upon the list and they are scattered over an area a thousand miles long and considerably more than a hundred wide. Comox-Atlin takes in the provincial constituencies of Alberni, Comox, Skeena and Atlin. There has never been a federal election contested in this constituency since it was formed, but in the last provincial election Alberni and Skeena went Liberal and Comox and Atlin Conservative. The aggregate vote gave the Conservatives a majority of less than 100, according to the returns at hand. The returns in the Parliamentary Companion are incomplete as far as Atlin is concerned. The total vote polled in the four constituencies was not more than one-half their present voting strength, but since that time there has been a very considerable addition to the number of voters. The result on the face of these facts seems to be doubtful and there is not much else, from which one can form any reliable opinion. A "straw" vote taken in Prince Rupert is said to have shown a Conservative majority there before the last Dominion election. There seems to be a consensus of opinion that, if Mr. Sloan had been taken into the Cabinet, his election would not have been contested; but on the other hand there is said to be a strong feeling among the Liberals that they should have been consulted by their late representative before he undertook to hand the constituency over to Mr. Templeman. How strong this feeling is it is of course very difficult to say, because owing to the scattered population it is impossible to arrive at any general expression of opinion. Mr. Templeman and his friends very naturally expect that the prestige attaching to his tenure of a place in the ministry will offset the fact that he is very little known personally in the constituency and the feeling of indignation evinced by some of the Liberals; but such a view is very little more than a guess.

As a matter of fact not much prestige has attached to the Ministerial position in Mr. Templeman's possession. Upon no point in which British Columbia has a special interest has he made any effort on behalf of the province. Take one matter, which has special relation to Comox-Atlin, the halibut fisheries in Hecate Strait. This is one of the most important questions arising in connection with the coast-wise waters of British Columbia. Two years ago Mr. Sloan brought it up in the House of Commons and made a speech, which attracted much attention. Among those whom it impressed was Mr. Bryce, British Ambassador at Washington, who in a speech delivered before, we think it was, the Canadian Club at Ottawa, spoke of the importance of the issue raised. Yet since then Mr. Bryce has negotiated a treaty for the settlement of fishery questions between the United States and Canada, and Hecate Strait does not seem to have been mentioned in it. It would be very interesting to learn why it was not mentioned. It would be interesting to learn if Mr. Templeman backed up Mr. Sloan's contentions and endeavored to secure action on the part of his colleagues to preserve the rights of Canada in these valuable fisheries. If he did so and failed, can he explain the reason of his failure? If he did not do so, why did he permit the important questions raised by Mr. Sloan to drop? We are not making any argument just now against Mr. Templeman's election, but are only citing one instance to show that, in his case, the prestige attaching to a ministerial office is more imaginary than real. The contest is one in which Mr. Templeman has everything to gain and nothing to lose. If he is elected he will remain in the ministry for the remainder of the parliamentary term; if he is defeated, he will have to place his office at the disposal of the Prime Minister.

CANADA AND UNITED STATES.

Mr. T. J. Drummond retiring president of the Montreal Board of Trade, in the course of an address made on

vacating his office said, as reported in the Montreal Witness:

A few months ago we had the privilege of hearing Lord Milner's ideas on this subject, and of the possibilities of the Mother Country adopting the principle within a few years. At that time I took occasion to refer to the movement towards reciprocity with Canada, which had taken shape in the United States. That movement is gaining force. It has behind it strong interests aiming to secure the Canadian market, but we must realize that in our present condition any reciprocal arrangement with the United States would be detrimental to our railways, industrial, commercial and general interests, and that from a national point of view it would mean a cutting away from, instead of a drawing closer to, our own people, and it is as certain as certain can be that commercial union with the United States would sooner or later mean political union.

Men prominent in politics and in commerce in the United States have for years been looking with longing eyes on Canada. They knew her and valued her. Today the smaller men have opened their eyes to her also, and so the desire is spreading. The question of how Canada could be controlled has been considered by many, and different methods advocated.

Mr. Drummond then quoted from Mr. Andrew Carnegie's "The Empire of Business," published in 1902, in which he said he would tax highly all Canadian products so long as Canada continued subordinate to the European power. He believed Mr. Carnegie was now in favor of reciprocity, but if his ideas as to the methods had changed was there any reason to believe that there had been any change in the object?

Looking at the question of reciprocity with the United States apart altogether from imperial preferential trade or British connection, while I can see much that would be to the benefit of the United States I can see practically nothing but loss to Canada. We have mortgaged great national assets to build transcontinental roads so as to increase the trade between the east and the west. Reciprocity would divert the trade to the south.

We have been building up our nation industrially, agriculturally and otherwise, and taken as a whole, reciprocity would be damaging, and in many cases disastrous, to all our interests. We have reached a point in national development where success is assured. We must guard our position, and guard it carefully.

While we do not agree with Mr. Drummond when he says that commercial union would lead to political union with the United States, that is if by commercial union he means reciprocity only, we are heartily in accord with the other views expressed by him. Speaking of commercial union with the republic it may be pointed out that there is a wide difference between such a relation and reciprocity. The latter only implies that, for certain concessions in the matter of the tariff on the part of one country, the other would make some compensatory concessions. Commercial union would mean a tariff common to the two countries and we can hardly see how such an arrangement would be possible without leading sooner or later to political union. We fail to see how such an effect would necessarily follow from reciprocity. But it is not necessary to discuss that aspect of the case, because the other ideas advanced by Mr. Drummond, though they are not absolutely his own, are a sufficient argument against yielding to any request which our neighbors may make for reciprocal trade arrangements except on such limited lines as would preserve unimpaired the progress which Canada has made since the adoption of the National policy thirty years ago.

The United States only wants reciprocity in order that it may be able to get our raw materials free of duty and sell us manufactured products. Our neighbors have no raw materials to sell us that we cannot either get elsewhere, except cotton, and we can exercise our own discretion about placing a duty on this article.

On the other hand they would like to have our markets for their manufactured produce. We have raw materials which our neighbors need, and can get nowhere else so advantageously. The question for Canadians to consider is whether it would not be better for us to retain these raw materials until our neighbors, by the force of circumstances are compelled to open their markets to manufactured products from this country. It seems to us that there can hardly be any question upon this point, and that it would be suicidal for us to concede anything to the United States for the privilege of sending our raw materials into that country free of duty. We submit that a wiser policy would be to place an export duty on raw materials, so as to make it more profitable for our neighbors to manufacture them in Canada than in their own country. The hostility to reciprocity was never as marked in Canada as it is today and the people are beginning to realize that the Washington authorities never did the Dominion better service than when they rejected our overtures in this direction some years ago.

LOYD-GEORGE'S GEOGRAPHY.

We have had a passing reference to speech of Mr. Lloyd-George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in which he spoke of large imports of Canada from the United States which he said was "very largely because the St. Lawrence is frozen over and this country cannot export direct to Canada" during five months of the year. Mr. Donald Macmaster, K.C., a Canadian by birth, took occasion in the course of a speech recently delivered to set Mr. Lloyd-George right. We quote from his speech:

Was it conceivable that Mr. Lloyd George should not be aware that the great ports of Halifax in Nova Scotia and St. John in New Brunswick were open all the year round, that there were direct lines of steamships to these ports throughout the whole year,

and that these ports had connections with three great lines of railway that carried the ocean-borne freights and mails three or four thousand miles into the interior of Canada?

We find no difficulty in believing it to be quite conceivable that Mr. Lloyd-George was just as ignorant of the geography of Canada as his remark indicated. What is not conceivable is that he would have made such a statement unless he believed it to be true. The regrettable thing is that the Chancellor of the Exchequer is not alone in the ignorance, which he has manifested. Some years ago a writer in one of the English weeklies urged that some attention should be paid to geography at the great universities and he was answered by another who said that modern geography had no place in the education of a gentleman. It was well enough, he said, for commercial people, but not material for others. Probably he would have insisted that a liberal education required a knowledge of how the Peloponnesus was divided among the ancient Greek states and an ability to trace the mythical voyage of Ulysses; but that he should know such vulgar things as the accessibility of Canada in the winter time from the sea, it was really asking too much. Mr. Lloyd-George's observation shows that not only is there a class of people who look upon a knowledge of geography as superfluous, but that a man may be a statesman prominent in the control of the destinies of an empire and yet be ignorant of rudimentary facts concerning that empire. In these days when the physical character of countries and their geographical relations to each other are the very essence of international politics, it seems not unreasonable to suggest that the Chancellor of the Exchequer ought not to be under the opinion that Canada is closed to the direct commerce of the United Kingdom for five months of the year. Before he ventures to express an opinion as to how geographical facts will bear upon any line of trade policy, one would suppose that he would have taken the trouble to inform himself of those facts. It is very hard to know just what can be done to dispel the cloud of ignorance of Canada which exists in certain quarters of the United Kingdom. How can it be made known, so that even Mr. Lloyd-George will not be ignorant that the harbors of St. John and Halifax and others less important on the Atlantic coast of Canada are less impeded by ice and winter fogs than the port of New York, and that Canadian ports on the Pacific are as free as the harbors on the Mediterranean.

The Fernie folk seem to have been somewhat worked up over their relief fund. It seems a pity that there should be a dispute over such a matter.

Columbus, Ohio, is suffering pretty severely from the stoppage of the gas supply, with which the city is heated. Civilization has its drawbacks when the mercury is below zero.

The prospects of an adjustment of the difficulties between Turkey and Bulgaria have not much improved. A great deal of good sense will have yet to be exhibited before a peaceful solution is reached.

Belgium is much disturbed over the constant descent in that country of German military balloons and is preparing to defend herself against an invasion from the air. If Germany should decide to attack Belgium, there would be an uproar such as has not been heard since Waterloo.

There is something rather amusing in the suggestion, which comes from Panama that Mr. Taft's opinion as to the sufficiency of the work at the Culabra cut settles all disputed questions. Mr. Taft's views on such a subject may be good enough for a nation to accept, but no private contractor would think them worth anything.

"How is the law to reach and deal with questions of marital jealousy?" asks the Montreal Witness. Our Montreal contemporary has propounded a question which is as old as the marital relation. As long as the wrong people marry each other, so long will questions arise, which human ingenuity cannot guard against or deal with when they become acute.

Notwithstanding the official statement from Washington that the number of Japanese in the United States is decreasing, the Seattle Asiatic Exclusion league is preparing the most vigorous kind of a protest against the influx, which is alleged to be going on. A despatch has been sent to the President, reading "Preserve the Republic. Exclude the Japanese. Let the people rule."

Our Vancouver correspondent says the Comox-Atlin election is to be held on February 20. This does not agree with the report sent out from Ottawa, and it is exceedingly difficult to see how it is possible to comply with the law and bring on an election in so short a time. We hardly see how it is physically possible to post the necessary notices and get the ballots distributed at this season of the year. It will be an absolute impossibility for the candidates to canvass the constituency. The first statement was that the election would be held early in March, which was at as early a date as physical conditions would permit.

Montreal Board of Trade resolved in favor of reducing the City Council by half.

New Year's Day choral singers in Hamilton collected \$121.90 for Miss Lewis' hospital scheme.

Mrs. Mary O'Donnell, of Drumore, Co. Donegal, aged 104, recently applied for an old age pension.

Col. Ward, K. C., of Port Hope, will apply for incorporation of the Coburg, Port Hope and Havoclock Electric Railway Co.

Frank Nicol fell dead while at his wells at Oil Springs.

FORTY YEARS AGO

The British Colonist, Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1909.

The schooner Black Diamond floated off the rocks at the rapids in a few hours, having sustained no injury.

Confederation.—The Nor' Wester, published at Red River, says: "Unless we are annexed to the Dominion this country can never enjoy great prosperity, but it is essential to our welfare that British Columbia be also annexed as soon as possible. The day is approaching when our interests will be more identified with the Pacific than the Atlantic. Canada can raise her own breadstuffs, British Columbia cannot. (?) But we can supply us when the good time arrives with the precious metals, lumber and sea fish."

"Ritualism" at Cariboo.—Much has been said about the laxity of morals in Cariboo, but that arose from ignorance of the situation. The curate, Mr. Reynard, requested the curate, Mr. Reynard, to remove the useless, and to him as well as others, objectionable appendages, which the reverend gentleman declined doing, upon which several of the congregation entered their protest against what they considered Romish practices by leaving the church. Mr. Reynard, the curate, replies in the next issue of the same paper and we think has the best of the case. He admits the fact of the candles being on the table, but explains the fact very simply by stating that they were in preparation for evening service.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Lord Lansdowne, who was sixty-five recently, this year completed his fortieth year of strenuous public service. There is, says the Globe, no statesman whose reputation has grown so rapidly as Lord Lansdowne's during the last few years, and the position he now occupies in the House of Lords has had no parallel in our time except that of the late Lord Salisbury. Lord Lansdowne has had a really remarkable official career. He began as a Junior Lord of the Treasury in 1869. Since then he has been Under Secretary and Secretary for War, Under Secretary and Viceroy of India, Governor-General of Canada, Foreign Secretary, and is now a trustee of the British Museum, Lord lieutenant of Wilts, and the actual, though not the nominal, leader of the House of Lords.

BRITISH OPINION

Standard of Empire.—The sailors of the British fleet and foreign fleets, of the British mercantile marine, and of foreign merchant ships, worked side by side amid the devastation of the earthquake in Sicily, succoring the wounded, protecting the helpless, climbing and delving amid tottering walls and beset destruction in the task of rescue. Britain still the first place on the sea, and it was her duty therefore, to be foremost in the breach, her privilege (won by centuries of hard fighting and sailing) to take the largest share in the campaign, and it is ours to record once more the gallantry of British seamen in emergency. His Majesty the King, the head of the British navy, has publicly signified his sense of the admirable conduct of the ships of the Mediterranean squadron, commanded by Admiral Sir Ascheton Curzon-Howe, during the recent appalling crisis, an appreciation of good service in which the Empire joins. The fleet is maintained, equipped and trained for any emergency, whether the service takes the form of actual conflict with a human enemy, or, as at Messina, becomes an heroic and a desperate struggle with the blind gigantic forces of Nature, the object the same—protection or life. This elementary consideration is not to be ignored in these days; but it has been affirmed once more in earthquake and fire. The lesson of seaworthiness, which the gifted writer, Captain Mahan, has taught to all the world, has more meanings than one. The fleet holds the ocean highways all over the globe; but who goes to and fro upon them, carrying the wealth of all nations? The merchant ships, which at first was one with the navy, but which has since drifted apart from the military arm. But there is still no title more honorable, more greatly charged with brave memories than the name of British seamen, and at Messina the men of the Cyprus and the other merchant ships flying the Red Ensign, showed their quality alongside the trained and disciplined men of war. The various states of the King's Dominions hold a tremendous power, but half realized and half neglected, it is the British combine to form an Imperial transport service the finest in the world.

Belfast Whig.—The success which attended the Socialists party at the polls in English three years ago, and the great encouragement which it has received in the meantime from the government, have stimulated it to renewed activity all over the kingdom. Belfast, like most of the cities across the Channel, is receiving marked attention from the Socialists. Like the quick doctors who go about selling pills warranted to cure anything from spotted fever to housemaids' knees, the Socialists are offering panaceas for every ill that flesh is heir to. Vagueness is the chief feature of strength of Socialism. It is only when one tries to come to close quarters with Socialism that its vagueness is fully understood. If there is one subject more than another that stands in need of elucidation it is Socialism, but its exponents hold views so diversified that they cannot possibly be reconciled. They apply the same terms to things that are dissimilar, and confusion is created that may well justify the ignorance. We have the familiar street-corner orators who indulge in wild denunciations not only of every religious belief, but of every law, human and divine, and then we have the drawing-room type of Christian Socialist, whose false economies are liberally adorned with Scriptural texts. Socialism seems to range from the Sermon on the Mount to the doctrine of unadulterated hate. There are Socialists who dream of Utopias, and there are Socialists whose wish is to turn nature upside down. The result is that ideas get jumbled, and anything like a clear issue is out of the question. This impenetrable mystery which surrounds Socialism is its greatest source of strength. The best way to expose the hollowities of the proposals is to get people face to face with actuality.

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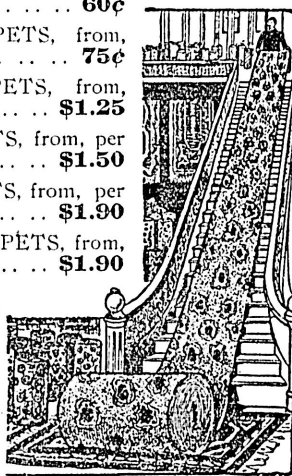
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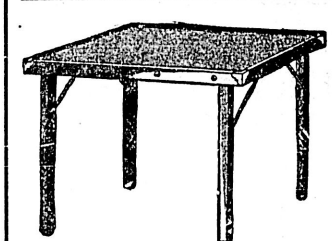


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SOCIALIST VIEW OF THE SITUATION

Parker Williams, M. P.,
Spoke on Speech From the
Throne Yesterday

The debate on the consideration of the speech from the throne, the issues of which have been worn threadbare for days, went on in the legislature yesterday, and will continue today.

Hon. F. J. Carter-Cotton, president of the council, will be today's speaker. Parker Williams, the Socialist member for Newcastle, occupied the time and attention of the House for more than an hour yesterday. He reviewed the situation from the Socialist point of view, and threw in some startling figures of speech to lighten up the debate.

He compared the attorney-general to dynamite, rather than adamant, basing the similitude, or rather the expression, on a misprint in a Vancouver newspaper. The attorney-general, he said, was like dynamite in that when a match was applied to the material smoked, and fizzled, and gave forth an unpleasant odor, and caused headaches.

The Japanese question was touched upon at some length by Mr. Williams also. C. W. Munro, M.P.P. (Chilliwack), and Dr. King (Cranbrook), also spoke.

At the opening of the session Hon. Thomas Taylor, the newly appointed minister of works, was introduced to the speaker by the premier and W. G. Ross, M.P.P. (Fernie).

Parker Williams, M.P.P. (Newcastle), continued the debate on the consideration of the speech from the throne. He said that the "King's Speech" this session, had, like the work of the government, worked backward. The people of the province needed rather to look ahead, in order to advance. He said in part:

"I see by the speech that there was a little affair down in Quebec to which the government contributed \$10,000. It was some sort of vaudeville or pantomime that had no more to do with the people of British Columbia than with the people of Africa. The money could have been better expended right here. As for the 'grand old man,' whose death is referred to in the speech, although I have nothing but contempt for what he represented, I may say that a glance at his face always left me feeling better about the world. 'As for the congratulations spent on the people of Fernie for rebuilding their city, there is nothing surprising in this. The question is, why were these old shacks ever built for a fire to come along and sweep them away like tinder? Too much of the wealth of the province has been carried away by eastern capitalists. The way of the miner himself would still be from the mine to the morgue, from the morgue to the graveyard."

"I suppose it is in order to congratulate the new minister of works upon his appointment, but it was high time that something was done. The department was two and a half years behind in its work. While the premier was going about the province with a microscope looking for the needs of the people, it was an absolute impossibility to get the stunted lumber and the stunted department of its work. I hope the new minister is a live man, anyway. I hope he will have enough energy to say whether he will do a thing or not."

"When the member for Rossland said that favoritism had been shown in the expenditure of the public money, the premier's attitude was one of pained surprise. The government takes absolutely no notice of opposition districts. In my own district I asked for \$10,000 and was given \$6,000. I know of a Conservative member who asked for \$6,000 and got \$9,000. There are one thousand miles from Vancouver; the appropriation is about \$60 per capita of population; in Newcastle it is \$5.50."

"The second member for Victoria spoke of the great prosperity of the province. Yet during the year many thousands of dollars were sent to feed the unemployed in the province. The honorable gentleman is a Tory of four hundred years ago. He was a boat-puller for Noah, at the time of that famous fishing expedition. In the same year that the gentleman spends large amounts of money in the employment of \$15,000 was spent to bring in settlers."

"The price of coal seems to be a problem in the city of Victoria, according to the honorable second member for that city. No doubt it is providing that the people in the country where the coal is produced should have to pay more than the people in Seattle, but this is one of the results of the conditions under which we are living today. The great utilities of the country are given to private individuals who use them for making profits for themselves. The coal is not produced in doing this, if they are given the right. The policy pursued by the coal companies in this case is simply the 'dumping' of their surplus product into the Washington market at a low price, and making the people here pay the difference. If the government would impose an export tax, it would only serve to reduce the production and thus to lessen the number of men employed in the mines."

"I believe there is a law on the statute books of British Columbia which forbids the exportation of coal to be sold at a lower price than that maintaining in the province. Every year scores of men are arrested on the E. & N. for breaking such pettyfoggish laws as the game regulations, while this other law is never enforced."

"The fluctuation in the price of copper during the last year is another result of the capitalist system. Eighteen months ago the price of copper was 25 cents, and suddenly it dropped to 10 and 12 cents. The speculation of capitalists thus caused bankruptcy and starvation in British Columbia, where the people had nothing at all to do with it."

"The government has been preparing to give Prince Rupert sewers and streets. There is no doubt that Prince Rupert would like sewers and streets. But so would many little municipalities I know, but they must issue debentures, and get these improvements in the ordinary way."

"The question has been debated whether the constituencies represented by Liberals and Socialists are as well as those represented by Conservatives in the appropriations. Such little towns as Alexandra and Northfield in my district have as many people as Summerland, Kelowna and Osoyoos. The latter are in Conservative ridings, and have eight-foot sidewalks out past the last house in the town."

them for 21 years. Now they want more. The government compels them to carry on their work in the most economical and complete way possible. If Andrew Hiaslam would bother his head less about labor troubles in the lumber camps, and more about preventing waste in logging, he would spend his time better. If the lumbermen have taken up more than the market needs in the next 21 years, the lands should revert to the province."

Dismissed for His Principles

"As for the government agents refusing to give the settlers in Nelson district roads unless they 'vote right,' I do not think that Liberal members have any right to talk after the Dominion election campaign. Mr. Templeman is at present up in Comox-Atlin trying to persuade the farmers to elect him as their representative. I will remind you of an incident in which Mr. Templeman took part. Because he had the courage to hold opinions of his own, a grey-haired man, earning \$40 a month for sweeping out the Victoria postoffice, was turned out of his job by the man who is a Cabinet Minister. I hope that the people of Comox-Atlin will keep this man out of the House."

At this stage John Oliver (Delta) asked for the name of the victim of the incident.

"His name is Andrew Johnson," replied Mr. Williams.

The interruption of the member for Delta led to his being made the target for Mr. Williams' ire for a few moments. The member for Delta had defined "speculator" the other day. He wondered if Sen. Bostock, who bought 1,200 acres of land in the railway belt of B.C. for \$2 an acre by special order-in-council, was a bona fide speculator. Then Mr. Williams passed to the Asiatic question. He said:

"In the last election a great deal of time was taken up in discussion of the Japanese question. Since this House has been in session, practically no reference has been made to it. This matter cannot be allowed to drop. For a series of sessions the Legislature has passed bills discriminating against Asiatics, and these were invariably disallowed at Ottawa. It is possible that the election of five or six Conservatives at Ottawa was the only object the government had in view, but it must not end there."

"The salmon fishing of the province has passed completely into the hands of the Japanese. In the sawmills, in the whaling industry, and railroading Japanese are gaining the ascendancy. There are a number of them in the Vancouver island coal mines. On Queen Charlotte island there is a quartz mine owned by a Jap, and this is practically a school for Japanese miners. They are quietly creeping into farming."

"A Jap would as soon shoot a pheasant on a nest and take home the eggs as not. They do not care whether they exterminate the game or not. The provincial police are eternally insulting men who get a little game, but why do they not watch the Japs instead? In South Africa, Australia, and the United States there are well-documented race problems. B. C. will have one shortly. The people should take a position in the matter at once."

"Just a short time ago the Japanese paper in Vancouver came out with the following remark: 'We have captured the fishing industry in B. C., and we intend to keep it. That is their attitude. When the House opened a representative of the Empire of Japan was present. He reminded me of an advance agent of the Devil's Auction.' His swaggar in cocked hat and gold braid was amusing."

"These people have their own problems. Let them stay at home and solve them. The government should re-nact those bills against Asiatic exclusion, and if the Tory delegation to Ottawa is any better than its Liberal predecessor it will get them passed there. Let us treat Asiatics as they treat us. Do not allow them to hold land here."

The Province's Duty

Passing to the question of the rights of the municipalities as opposed to those of the province, Mr. Williams said that the province should look after the improvements in the municipalities. He referred to the recent outbreak of smallpox in Ladysmith, and that the government should pay the entire bill for that.

Dr. Young asked whether Ladysmith would carry out the board of health regulations in that case, sewerage and vaccination. Mr. Williams said that the sewerage was being attended to, but that it had not been attended yet whether vaccination was efficient.

Continuing his remarks, Mr. Williams said that land cleared by the settler should be free from taxation for twenty years. Class B coal lands should be subject to the wild lands tax. They should not be withheld from settlement as at present. He wanted to know whether there had been any prosecutions yet under the factory act, and if not, why the act had not been enforced. In conclusion he said:

"The member for Delta has charged the attorney-general with persecution of the fishermen in the district. He said that the government is grossly incompetent of administering the affairs of the province. Yet in Nanaimo at the time of the bye-election he said that he would support a Conservative against a Socialist. He was ready to support unscrupulous adventurers. The ultimate aim of our party is the 'home' idea in the national life. It will come, too, and when it does we will have a museum for the bewickered monstrosities who retard progress, and there we will have the honorable member for Delta."

The Member for Chilliwack

C. W. Munro (Chilliwack) followed. After reviewing the progress made in his own district, he referred to the resources of conserving the resources of the province.

"We should be careful," he declared, "When we consider that one-third of Vancouver island was handed over to a private company for the construction of 70 miles of railway, it will teach us a lesson."

He said that the man who was willing to sell the new country and hew out a home for himself should get a bonus. Referring to the visit of the minister of finance and agriculture to Great Britain, he said that his attention had been called to the fact that a large immigration would be coming this year, and a danger in this that this class would drift back to our cities and become a public charge. He hoped that attention would be given them on their arrival in order that they might become actual settlers. He then passed to timber.

"We have a vast lumber aristocracy in this province," he declared, "through the alienation of our resources we have created a wealthy class whose influence has been felt and will be felt on this government. I am glad the government has reached a stage where they wish to stop this, and to put a reserve on the timber lands. Something should be done to

give the lumbermen an interest in the conservation of the timber."

The attorney-general attempted to prove that our honorable leader was not being met with loyalty in the party. Nobody knows better than the premier the difficulties he met with as leader of the Opposition, and even as premier. Even today there are examples of disloyalty on his side of the house. I know of one, but I am sure the premier is not worried, for the honorable gentleman only wants the job himself."

In closing, Mr. Munro brought in a resolution on behalf of the Opposition expressing the regret of the body that the government had not seen fit to recommend the handing over of personal property and revenue taxes to the municipalities. Dr. Kink (Cranbrook) who followed, seconded the resolution.

Hon. F. J. Carter-Cotton will open the debate today.

FEATURES OF A WEEK IN LEGISLATURE

Railway Legislation and Railway Prospects Take a Prominent Place

Now that the preliminaries incident to the opening of the session are pretty well over, the Legislature is gradually getting down to business, and it is probable that the important work planned by the Government for this session will shortly be taken up across the Bay. A brief review of the main features of the week in the Legislature may be found interesting.

By Friday the debate on the consideration of the speech from the throne had been all but wound up. The Socialist contingent still had something to say, but for the most part the Opposition members who had something to say against the government had relieved their souls fully. The member for Delta, challenged to find grounds for criticism of the administration, burned midnight oil, and came to the House to announce that "the grievances of the people of British Columbia made life a burden to him. The leader of the Opposition, too, in an able and dignified address, threw down the gauntlet to the Premier and his associates."

Railway Policy

Of the subjects taken up hitherto in the debate in the House, the railway question is of the greatest importance to the people both of Victoria and of the province in general. The matter was introduced by the Premier, in his reply to the Leader of the Opposition, when he announced that the Government was negotiating with the Canadian Northern, and hoped to induce that road to enter the province at no distant date. This was in reply to Mr. Macdonald's statement that the present administration had not given adequate encouragement to railway construction in B.C.

Since the Premier's announcement the air has been full of railway talk. Mr. D. D. Mann, who has been in Victoria to consult the Government agent the Canadian Northern proposition, has spoken cheerfully about the intentions of the road towards B.C. The public now looking to the advent of the Canadian Northern as a settled thing. The member for Okanagan, speaking on Friday after the Attorney-General, exhorted the Government to make Victoria the terminus of the Canadian Northern in B.C. He voiced the sentiments of an extremely large number in making this appeal.

As for railroads in general, the Attorney-General took up the Government's policy on Friday, and replied specifically to the charges of inactivity brought by the Leader of the Opposition. He cited facts—the weapon used by him throughout his address that day—and proved that during the term of the administration something like five hundred miles of railway had been constructed in this province. There was, he said, no longer any use of giving subsidies to railroads. The Province holds out sufficient inducements of itself to the railroad-builder.

Land Laws Discussed

The land laws came in for a great deal of attention in the debate. All manner of charges were brought against the Government by the Opposition speakers in this connection. The grievance is a hardy perennial, but this session it seemed to be a little more aggravated than usual. The old cry of "speculator versus settler" was used with telling effect, not only by the Leader of the Opposition, but by all of his followers who took the floor, and notably, of course, by the member for Delta.

It was beginning to look very black for the Government, as the various speakers levelled charge after charge of the Government's favoring of speculators, especially of the United States variety. But at last the Attorney-General arose to speak, and his charges seemed to evaporate of a sudden. When he stated that a matter of seven million, seven hundred and ninety thousand acres of the public land was reserved strictly for bona fide settlers in B.C., it began to look as if, after all, there was hope for the state.

Liquor License

So, too, with the much-vaunted liquor-license question. The Opposition made great talk of the alleged fact that the transferring of the administration of licenses in the unorganized districts to the Attorney-General's department was a political move on the part of the Government. However, Mr. Bow-nie challenged the Opposition to furnish the name of one Liberal who has lost his license during the eighteen months in which the new system has been working, and there was no reply.

It is expected that the legislation regarding the irrigation of the dry belt will be the most important legislation before the House this session. It will be a very big bill, and a good part of the session will be given up to it. However, important railway legislation is also said to be pending, and the interest railway matters have aroused in the House and in the lobby seems to point to the truth of this.

Very little definite legislation has as yet been introduced. The bill to license social clubs in the province, a measure fiercely attacked by the member for Delta, is about the most important up to date.

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It is pointed out, for instance, that the Allan Line will shortly be competing against larger vessels. Up to a point the company may be able to do so profitably, but if White Star dimensions and Hamburg-American dimensions increase on the St. Lawrence route as they have on the New York route it may be compelled to build larger steamers than it is able to do at the moment. If it does that and the accommodation on the Clyde is inadequate, its business is bound to concentrate at Liverpool. Further, it may be that the Anchor Line's comparatively small ships, which it is putting in the line in the direction of size, is due to limitations imposed by Glasgow harbor. The fact that it has always had a steamer or steamers in its fleet right up to the maximum of the river's accommodation is suggestive.

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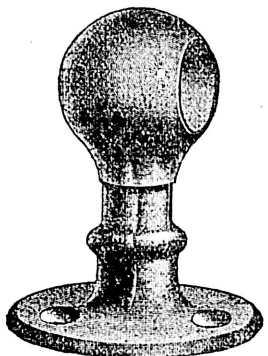
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Home Nursing Society
The regular monthly meeting of the Home Nursing society will be held on Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. in the City hall.

Presbytery to Meet
The Presbytery of Vancouver island meets in the First Presbyterian church at 2 o'clock this afternoon when the chair will be taken by Rev. J. M. Miller, D.D. of Nanaimo, the moderator.

Mothers' Club Meeting.
Mrs. (Dr.) Watt and Mrs. Gleason will speak at the Mothers' Club on Wednesday, at the Spring Ridge school. The subject is "Amusements for Children."

Increased Traffic.
During the month of January the B. C. Electric company carried a total of 339,050 passengers on its system here, compared with 326,200 for the corresponding month a year ago.

Progressing Well.
Superintendent of Provincial Police, P. S. Hussey, who is still confined to the Jubilee Hospital suffering from a broken ankle, is progressing favorably and is expected to be about again in a short time.

Considerably Improved.
Guy Carlin who was stricken suddenly ill on Store Street on Saturday evening and who was not expected to live throughout the night improved considerably on Sunday and is now believed to be out of danger.

Calls for Cement Tenders.
The city is calling for tenders for the supply of cement for the present year. Tenders must be in by 4 o'clock next Monday afternoon. Last year the city used between 18,000 and 19,000 barrels of cement.

Sacrament at Cathedral
Being the festival of the Purification the communion service will be celebrated in Christ Church Cathedral at 8 o'clock this morning, and morning prayer without sermon will be said at 11 o'clock.

High Stand at R.M.C.
Cadet Allan Wilmet, son of Mr. E. A. Wilmet, C.E., obtained the highest percentage in the Junior class, for all subjects, at the recent Christmas examinations held at the Royal Military College, Kingston.

Habeas Corpus Wanted.
In chambers yesterday J. P. Walls made application to Judge Irving for a writ of habeas corpus for the release of the Chinese vagrant who was sentenced to three months in jail the other day. The application was adjourned until this morning. H. D. Helmecken, K. C., appeared for the crown.

To Discuss Church Work
"Church Life and Church Work" is the subject which will be discussed at a public meeting this evening in the First Presbyterian church by the moderator of the Presbytery, Rev. Dr. Miller, Rev. C. E. Kidd of Union Bay, and Rev. D. McGillivray, of Cumberland.

Mains Stand Test
Successful tests of the salt water high pressure mains just laid on Douglas street between Yates street and Port street, and also of that portion on Wharf street between Broughton and Yates streets were made yesterday when the mains were found to be satisfactory and capable of sustaining a pressure of 200 pounds per square inch.

An Evening with Mendelssohn.
The Metropolitan Young Women's Club will meet in the schoolroom of the church tomorrow evening. Mr. E. Parsons, organist of the church will give a sketch of Mendelssohn's life. Musical selections from his works will be rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Hicks and Miss Beck.

Kamloops Old Timer.
A well known old timer was to be seen in the lobby yesterday. John F. Smith is secretary of the Kamloops Board of Trade and respected by all who know him. He has served more than one term as alderman in Kamloops. He is also known as the first man other than Indians to go up the N. Thompson river.

"Under Nineteen" Rugby
A cordial invitation has been extended to representatives from the following clubs and schools, viz.: Y. M. C. A., J. B. A. A., University and Collegiate to a meeting to be held at the High school on Tuesday at 4 p.m. for the purpose of forming an under nineteen rugby league. Representatives from any other clubs not here mentioned are also cordially invited.

Will Discuss Salaries.
The school board will hold a special meeting tonight when the adjourned discussion on the salary question will be resumed. At the last meeting the report of the special committee appointed to draw up a graded scale of salaries was presented. The new scale provides for increases to all teachers and will mean an annual increase in the outlay for teachers of several thousands.

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THE WEATHER

Meteorological office, Victoria, B. C., at 3 p. m., February 2, 1909.
SYNOPSIS.

The low pressure area this morning on the British Columbia coast has moved inland to Cariboo and a high area covers the Prairie provinces. Rainfall has been general throughout the southern part of the province and in the North Pacific States and temperatures have been somewhat higher in these districts. It continues to be intensely cold at Dawson and low temperatures prevail throughout the Canadian middle west provinces.

TEMPERATURE.
Victoria Min. Max.
Vancouver 41 47
New Westminster 38 46
Kamloops 34 48
Kerikeri 18 38
Atlin 6 below 6
Dawson, Y. T. 30 below 10
Calgary, Alta. 1 19
Winnipeg, Man. 6 below 10
Portland, Ore. 42 52
San Francisco, Cal. 50 60

FORECASTS.
For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific Time) Tuesday:
Victoria and vicinity: Winds chiefly northerly or easterly; unsettled with rain and stationary or lower temperatures.
Lower Mainland: Easterly winds, unsettled and mild with rain.

SUNDAY.
Highest 46
Lowest 36
Mean 41
Rain, .05 inch.

MONDAY.
Highest 48
Lowest 41
Mean 44
Rain, .03 inch.

JANUARY, 1909.
Highest temperature 50.5
Lowest temperature 7.4
Mean temperature 32.4
Total precipitation for the month 3.25 inches; average amount 1.40 inches; bright sunshine 46 hours, 12 minutes; mean daily proportion, 17; (constant sunshine being 1.)

TIDE TABLE

Victoria, B. C., January, 1909.					
Date	Time of High Water	Time of Low Water	Time of High Water	Time of Low Water	Time of High Water
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3	10:20	9:05	10:20	9:05	10:20
4	10:15	9:00	10:15	9:00	10:15
5	10:10	8:55	10:10	8:55	10:10
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26	8:25	7:10	8:25	7:10	8:25
27	8:20	7:05	8:20	7:05	8:20
28	8:15	7:00	8:15	7:00	8:15
29	8:10	6:55	8:10	6:55	8:10
30	8:05	6:50	8:05	6:50	8:05
31	8:00	6:45	8:00	6:45	8:00

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In The Police Court.
In the police court yesterday Constable Anderson prosecuted her husband for neglecting to support her to the endangerment of her health. He had supplied her with no means of any kind for fifteen months, although in receipt of steady work and good wages. The magistrate postponed sentence for a month throwing out a strong hint to the husband to make some arrangement in the meantime.

Will Discuss Pound Question.
Tonight at the city hall the health and morals committee of the city council will meet and discuss the city pound question. There have been many complaints made to the city council by residents of Spring Ridge, particularly by those who live in the immediate proximity to the city pound. The health and morals committee will endeavor to solve the problem which has perplexed preceding councils.

The Count Court.
The February sitting of the county court opened yesterday, and dates were arranged for the trial of the cases. When the judgment summonses came on the name of Abe Drosowitch was called. Everyone smiled and settled down for a few minutes' amusement. But Abe was not there, and Judge Lampan soon pointed out that he was within his technical rights as he had been told to appear at the January court which had not been held owing to his honor's absence. It appears that he has taken his special train to Chicago to consult an eye specialist.

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Building Society's Annual Meeting.
The twenty-first annual meeting of the Victoria Building Society took place on Saturday evening. The report of the directors, the secretary and auditors, together with the financial statement were received and reported duly audited. It was recommended that each shareholder be paid \$32 being the fifth dividend on the return of the capital stock which when paid will have returned to the members the sum of \$229 on the \$400 paid in. The old board was unanimously re-elected as follows: President, Alexander Stewart, vice president, G. W. Anderson, directors, J. L. Smith, J. Fullerton, W. H. Cullen; secretary, A. S. Flint.

The Astrologer Foretells
"Mercury is stationary today, the 2nd inst., states the local astrologer, and I look for unsettled weather. Upon the 8th inst., the moon, being in apogee, we will have quite cool weather for this time of the year. Upon the 11th, the planet Mercury will be in conjunction with the sun and we will probably have rain with moderate winds. On the 20th, the moon will be in perigee, while upon the same date Mercury will be in conjunction with Venus, and we will probably have rain with a little warmer weather. Upon the 24th, Mercury will be again stationary, and on the 28th the sun will be in opposition to the planet Jupiter, and we shall be troubled with strong electrical manifestations, which will in all likelihood give rise to a great deal of sickness among elderly people."

BISHOP OF FREDERICTON

Programme for the Week of His Visit Has Been Arranged

The principal event in Anglican circles during the present week and indeed during the new year, concerns the visit of the Right Rev. Dr. Richard, the Bishop of Fredericton, who is at the present time in Vancouver, and who will arrive in town tomorrow evening. The communion service, to which the members of the St. Andrew's Brotherhood are particularly invited, will be celebrated in Christ church cathedral at 7.30 o'clock on Thursday morning.
At four o'clock in the afternoon Rev. Dr. Richardson will address the children and the younger people, in the A.O.U.W. hall; while he will address the men of the church at 8 o'clock in the evening, in the same place, when he will explain the aims and the objects of the Laymen's Missionary Movement. It is earnestly hoped that every member of the church who can find time for this purpose will consider it to be not only his privilege but also his duty to be present upon this occasion. Rev. Dr. Richardson is still comparatively speaking young, and a most impressive speaker.

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OAK BAY COUNCIL DISCUSSED PIGGERY

Municipal Representatives Deal With Much Routine Business

Considerable routine business was transacted at last night's meeting of the Oak Bay Council. The only two questions of anything like special importance that were dealt with were whether permission should be granted a resident to establish a piggery within the confines of the district and as to the advisability of allowing the removal of drift wood from the beaches. With regard to the former it was found that there was no authority to prevent the breeding of piggers in Oak Bay as long as the business did not become what could be termed a nuisance under the provisions of the bylaw dealing with the same. There was much discussion and some difference of opinion with reference to the cutting of logs and the collecting of timber drifting on the shore. Some thought that it should be prohibited on the ground that the wood acted as an effective breakwater, saving the banks from being washed away. Others argued that the logs, at high tide, were thrown against the cliffs and away the clay. A third opinion was that the municipality was going outside its power in dealing with the matter as it was one coming within the purview of the province. Therefore nothing definite was done.

Reeve Henderson occupied the chair and there were present, Councillors McGregor, Noble, Newton, Colbert, Pemberton and Oliver.

Committee's Report.

A report was received from the roads, sewers and bridges committee. G. Murray had written asking the charge made by the municipality for a boat house at Oak Bay. Instructions had been given the clerk to inform Mr. Murray that a rental of \$5 a year would be imposed.

The Gonzales Land company had requested a material reduction in the assessment of their property. It had been moved that the firm be told that the matter would be given serious consideration.

The Upland Farm owners had wanted to know how far the municipality would be prepared to go in the assistance of the development of their holdings. This had been placed in the hands of the law committee for investigation.

The board of school trustees had wanted steps taken towards grading, draining and gravelling the property on which the new building was situated. This had been submitted to the engineer for report.

A report from the water committee, after being read, had been discussed, a decision being reached that the reeve of the Spanish municipality be communicated with and asked to act in conjunction with Oak Bay in what was proposed.

It was moved that the municipal clauses act be amended to give the Oak Bay district the same power as Victoria with reference to local improvement work. This was carried.

A decision was reached to remove the rock on Foul Bay road near the old schoolhouse.

Those present had agreed that the regular fortnightly committee meeting be held on Thursday night previous to the regular session of the council.

The committee's report was taken up serially. Only one amendment was made, the clause fixing a date for future committee meetings being struck out.

The finance committee reported that local improvements and school building debentures to the amount of about \$9,000 and \$5,000 respectively had also been sold. Authority had been given for their disposal at the best possible prices. Accounts to the amount of \$2,347.95 had been ordered paid.

On motion the report was adopted.

Pigs or No Pigs.

W. J. Palmer wrote asking whether pigs could be kept on his property.

Councillor McGregor moved that Mr. Palmer be informed that the council was doing as much as was legally possible to prevent the establishment of piggeries in the district.

Councillor Oliver, after pointing out that there was no by-law against the keeping of pigs in the municipality, moved in amendment that Mr. Palmer be told so.

On being put the amendment was lost on a tie vote. The original motion was annulled on a similar vote. After some discussion Mr. Oliver's proposal was put again and this time passed unanimously.

To Move Wood.

Messrs. James and Hudson and other residents asked permission to remove the wood they have placed on the Willows beach and cut. They also asked whether they could carry away the drift wood.

Councillor Pemberton protested. He claimed that the logs acted as a breakwater and saved the banks from being washed away. He did not object to them taking possession of it, but his opinion was that they should understand that they were not permitted to carry off large logs.

Councillor Oliver wanted to know what the municipality had to do with it. He argued that, while permission could be given applicants to move the wood on the banks, the council had no authority over drift timber. The wood belonged to the province.

It was claimed by Councillor Newton that heavy drift timber would not protect the banks, but would break it away, being washed against them by the sea at high tide.

Finally a motion by Councillor Newton, giving the applicants permission to move the wood they have placed on the Willows beach was carried.

R. Marlon wanted something done towards the proper draining of Marion street. This was left in the hands of the engineer.

The engineer recommended that filling for the construction of permanent sidewalks on Foul Bay road be procured from the Litchman Grant Company. It was decided that the matter be left in that official's charge.

The solicitor's report on A. Gore's claim for rental for rock placed on his property by the municipality was submitted.

Councillor Newton moved that the matter be left in the hands of the finance committee with power to act. This was seconded and carried.

It was moved by Councillor Oliver that the roads, sewers and bridges committee be instructed to prepare an outline of instructions detailing the duties of the municipality's constable. In this connection the reeve stated that he had seen hunters every morning on their way to the beach. He

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COUNCIL SHOULD AWAKE TO NEEDS OF CITY

Alderman Turner Believes City Must Be Prepared to Spend More Money

"It is about time that we got a move on and awakened to the needs of the city," declared Alderman Turner at last night's meeting of the city council, urging that they immediately undertake the work of paving Humboldt street between Government and Douglas streets and Belleville street between Government street and McClure street. The objections made against the proposed work by several of the aldermen led Alderman Turner to speak with some heat. He took exception to the suggestion made by Alderman Henderson that it would be better to let the work stand over for a time until other streets passed last year had been finished.

"You say let it stand over for a time. Gentlemen you have been doing that very thing for the past ten years to my knowledge. What we want to do is to get busy and make this city a city. Since our last meeting when we decided to give more money for street maintenance I have had people come to me and say they were glad the council was prepared to spend money on street work. One man, the most chronic kicker, told me that he would gladly pay double what he is paying provided he got value for his money.

The notice of motion as submitted called for block pavement being laid on Humboldt street between Government street and Douglas street and block pavement on Belleville street between Government street and McClure street with curb and gutter on the north side of the permanent sidewalk on Humboldt street and permanent sidewalks on both sides of Belleville street with curbs and gutter, the whole work to be done on the local improvement plan, the city to contribute one-third of the cost and in addition to pay the amount assessed against the C. P. R., which under agreement between the city and the company the city must assume.

Should Not Undertake It

Alderman Stewart thought that it would be wise to allow the Belleville street part of the programme to stand over. The city could not afford to pave that street through to McClure when there are other streets which required attention. The city simply could not afford to do it though it might fix up that part of Belleville street with rock.

Alderman Fullerton pointed out that the city would have to pay two-thirds of the cost, as it would have to assume the one-third assessed against the C. P. R. and it should not pledge itself to such an outlay when so many important works must be undertaken.

Alderman Mable believed that the causeway should be done first but Alderman Turner declared that before that work could be undertaken the other two streets should be paved so that there would be proper provision made for the heavy traffic which would have to go around by Belleville to Douglas when the causeway work was under course of construction. Alderman Turner gave an estimate of the cost of the work. To pave Belleville street from Government street to Douglas street would cost \$13,125; Humboldt street from Government to Douglas street, \$11,165 and the causeway \$23,656, a total of \$47,946 and \$7,000 more for that part of Douglas street between Humboldt and Belleville streets.

Alderman Turner while strenuously advocating that the work should be pushed ahead was willing to drop that part of Belleville street between Douglas street and McClure street.

Alderman Mable stated that he would like to see the streets around the hotel fixed up but the C.P.R. does not have taxes, while there are other owners who do, owners on Store, Wharf and other streets where it is proposed to lay pavements and these latter streets should be paved first and Alderman Henderson advocated doing the causeway first and then taking hold of Douglas street, which he declared must be paved from St. John's church right through to Belleville street though that portion behind the hotel would probably not be done for a couple of years owing to the steady settling of the ground.

Alderman Bishop and Humber supported Alderman Turner. Alderman Humber advocating borrowing the money, but Alderman Fullerton pointed out that the city could not borrow the money but must pay for the improvements out of general revenue. City Solicitor Mann, however, stated that the work could be done as one of local improvement, the city issuing debentures and the cost could be assessed against the C.P.R. though that company's share would have to be paid by the city which would also have to pay its share of one-third as in other works of local improvement.

Alderman Raymond urged spending money on the main streets, on the leading trunk roads and letting the other streets stand over for a time.

Alderman Turner's suggestion finally prevailed with the council, that part of the proposed scheme, the paving of Belleville street between Douglas street and McClure street being dropped and the resolution was amended by providing for either block or brick pavement. The curb and gutter on the Humboldt street was also dropped, as provision for such has already been made and gutters are not required on paved streets.

The matter of the proposed improvements to be made to Government street between Toronto and Niagara streets, concerning which the city has been negotiating with the owners for some months, was laid over until the next meeting.

MIKKELSEN WILL EXPLORE NEW GUINEA

Leader of Arctic Expedition From This City Will Head One in South Pacific

Capt. Ejnar Mikkelsen, who with Edvard de Loftholm, headed the Anglo-American Arctic Exploration expedition which left here in the schooner Duchess of Bedford, formerly sailing schooner Beatrice, on May, 21, 1906, and who is now in England where he has just published a book detailing his experiences in search for the unknown continent he believed to exist over the icefields in the Beaufort sea, will start shortly on an exploration trip through Dutch New Guinea, according to advices received from the explorer by friends in this city.

The journey through Dutch New Guinea on which Capt. Mikkelsen is to start is an expedition being sent out by a scientific society at Copenhagen, the home city of the explorer, and Capt. Mikkelsen has been in Holland making arrangements with the Dutch government which has accorded him every assistance. Capt. Mikkelsen expects to occupy about two years, and except during the preliminary investigations, he will be the only white man engaged in the work.

THREE CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE

Nominations Were Held Yesterday at Noon—Election on Thursday

There are three candidates in the contest for the vacant seat on the public school board, and on Thursday voting will take place to fill the office given up by Leonard Pait, who was elected trustee at the recent election but was forced to withdraw owing to his not being able to qualify.

Yesterday nominations were received by Returning Officer Northcott in the court room, city hall. The following gentlemen were nominated, two of them, Mr. Walker and Mr. McKay, having been unsuccessful candidates at the recent election:

Walter Walker, 1192 Fort street, coal merchant; proposer, Thomas Shotbolt; seconder, L. Goodacre.

David McIntosh, 453 Quebec street, agent; proposer, R. B. McKicking; seconder, E. W. Whittington.

William McKay, 516 Government street, stonecutter; proposer, Thomas Gough; seconder, Thomas Liddiard.

Voting will take place on Thursday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the room 618, public market building, Cormorant street.

Syria, Its People and Customs.

Syria with the manners and the customs of the people is the subject of a lecture which will be delivered tomorrow, Wednesday evening at the regular meeting of the Anglican Young People's Society in the guild room of St. John's church. Mr. Little, who is very familiar with the characteristics of the country in question will exhibit quite a large number of most interesting Syrian curios.

Private Bills Committee.

The next meeting of the private bills committee will be held next Friday. There is a lot of work before the committee this session, but it seems likely that it will be a week or two before the most important matters are thrashed out. The Shuswap bill will come up for consideration next Monday.

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At the regular meeting of the Natural History Society last evening, in answer to Mr. C. C. Pemberton, who exhibited a curious looking and very much water-worn stone with several holes pierced through it, Mr. W. J. Sutton, M.E., F.R.G.S., stated that these holes were bored by a marine animal, which was not at all infrequent in these waters, and which bested at low tide. This animal, which exhibited a curious looking and very much water-worn stone with several holes pierced through it, Mr. W. J. Sutton, M.E., F.R.G.S., stated that these holes were bored by a marine animal, which was not at all infrequent in these waters, and which bested at low tide. This animal, which exhibited a curious looking and very much water-worn stone with several holes pierced through it, Mr. W. J. Sutton, M.E., F.R.G.S., stated that these holes were bored by a marine animal, which was not at all infrequent in these waters, and which bested at low tide.

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such stones with the animals still in the apertures.

Mr. W. F. Best had thrown upon the screen some 150 very fine views in illustration of his very interesting lecture upon the natural resources of this province, including the bastion and fort of the Hon. the Hudson's Bay Company, 66 years ago; of this city in its earliest period; of huge fir logs, 10 and 12 feet in diameter; of tye, or spring salmon, which have weighed as much as 100 lbs.; coal mines, etc., etc. He stated that the products of the mines now reached an annual value of about twenty-five millions of dollars, while forest wealth yielded a yearly return of from twelve to fifteen millions. The great fish canning and the pulp mill industries were also vividly illustrated.

It was decided upon motion of the secretary, Mr. F. Napier Denison, seconded by Rev. Canon Beaulieu, to take steps towards publishing such papers as were considered worthy of being placed among their records in printed form, provided that this procedure met with the approval of the authors of such treatises.

Messrs. H. S. Crotty and A. Tuson were duly elected members and Dr. J. G. Hands, the librarian, an honorary member.

The president, Mr. Carl Lowenberg, was in the chair, and among those present were the Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, the Rev. Canon Beaulieu, Messrs. A. D. Crease and C. C. Pemberton.

Concert Is Postponed.

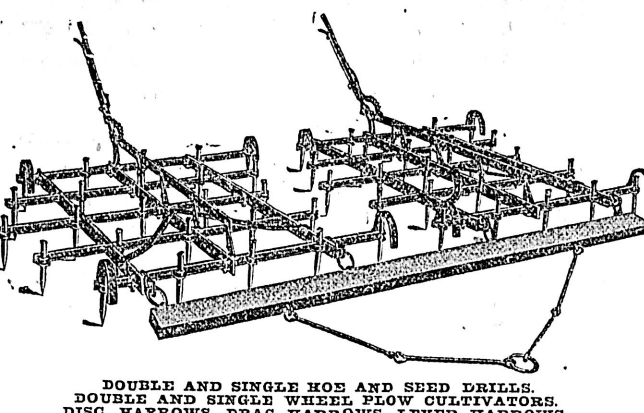
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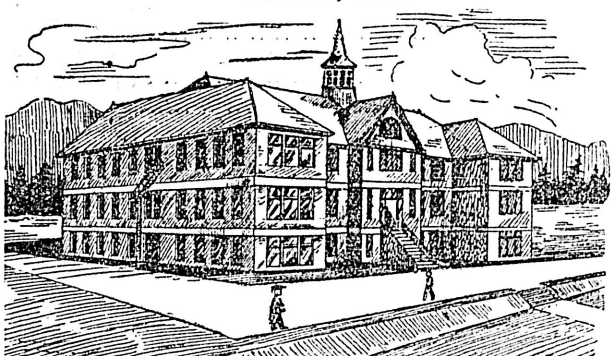
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In Woman's Realm

HERE AND THERE

If the people of Victoria do not want the little boys who are guilty of offenses against the law to be sent to the reformatory, they must make up their minds to provide some other system by which such children can be kept from pursuing a career of crime. Boys who have learned to elude the vigilance of their parents and of the police cannot be allowed their freedom unless it is the duty of some one to see that they do not return to the path of wrongdoing. In Denver, Judge Lindsey seems to have solved the problem. But if we have a man here who has the qualities of head and heart needed to conduct the work of reform among children, he has not yet been discovered. The folly of letting either children or their elders go on suspended sentence when it is no one's duty to observe how they conduct themselves is evident to anyone who knows anything of children. To place any one, least of all, a child, amid the temptations to which he had yielded not once, but many times, and then expect him to reform shows an ignorance of human nature. If children are to be released upon suspended sentence, there must be a probationary officer whose duty it is to watch them and to whom they are required to give an account of themselves at intervals. If the officer placed in charge of this work loves children and if he is gifted not only with zeal and sympathy, but with wisdom, he can do great good. If on the other hand he is cold and hard, or weak, his position will enable him to do infinite harm. Those who would cure the evil of juvenile crime must recognize that the task is a very difficult one.

Not less difficult, perhaps, but far more hopeful, is the work of prevention. There is, in this city, no class of homeless children. In the orphanages, Catholic and Protestant, all the boys and girls who are without natural protectors are cared for. If mothers and fathers who live in comfortable homes were to devote more time to their children, if they were to send them to school regularly and provide them with rational amusement or suitable work after school hours, there would be little danger of their going wrong. Unless under pressure of absolute necessity, little children who are too young to know right from wrong should not be allowed to undertake any employment in the city. The wonder is, not that so many children learn to take what does not belong to them, but that their pilfering does not go on to a far greater extent than it does. Little boys who have all their lives been allowed to help themselves to whatever was placed upon the table, are allowed to stand in the neighborhood of fruitstalls, where oranges, apples and all sorts of dainties are displayed. What wonder if, now and again, the temptation to carry away some of the fruit or sweets is too strong to be resisted? From what can scarcely be called dishonesty, the habit grows till the child has become a thief whose character will not be restored without much self-discipline.

Nor is stealing the only habit which the child learns who is allowed to associate with those who are familiar with the ways of sin. Mothers who love their little boys should recognize that the streets are the worst possible school for them.

If all parents did their duty very few children would come up before the courts. Bad boys and girls would be disciplined at home and their good names would be preserved, while their characters would give promise of a happy and successful future.

But there is much that the city can do to supplement the performance of careless and incompetent parents. We have an excellent school system. The great majority of the teachers are men and women who not only love their work, but love the children, and understand the art of managing them. It is said by those who are familiar with the ways of bad children that very few of them attend school regularly. They are either confirmed truants or their names are not on the school registers. There is absolutely no excuse for this state of affairs. There is a compulsory clause in the school law. It is enforced in other cities. Why is it allowed to remain a dead letter here? How is it that Victoria has not a truant officer?

If all children of school age were in school during the day, if little children were not allowed to leave their homes unattended and if many boys and girls were home and in bed at a reasonable hour in the evening this problem of the child criminal, which is growing to be a grave one, would soon be solved. If all mothers and all who are the friends of the mothers were to give their attention to the best way of managing their little boys, the men and women magistrates and the officers of the law could be devoted to criminals who have arrived at a maturer age than the little fellows who have been the subject of so much newspaper controversy.

The death of Archbishop Sweetman, primate of Canada, recalls the time when the whole English was divided into opposing camps. Middle-aged men who look back, perhaps not without wonder, on the time when in every city and town in the Empire men and women belonging to the Church of England engaged in eager disputes about doctrine and ritual. Congregations were divided and new churches sprang up. Low churchmen and high churchmen took their different ways and were almost every household members of the family went in separate directions. Good and earnest men taught the doctrines of the same Master and the same church with a different intention and for a different end. It is a little hard to see how the crown of Christianity is lost.

Not so the venerable primate of Canada. His work was to draw together the warring parties and to unite

them against the forces of evil around him. The Toronto News says of him: "When he came, the two elements in this diocese, which in a large measure represented the Canadian church, were widely apart and keenly antagonistic. When he laid down the work the two parties had drawn closer together, and churchmen, instead of expending their energies in combating one another, had joined in the work of home and foreign missions and in the building up of institutions for the advancement of the church."

Yet if in these days have gained a larger tolerance have we not lost something of the enthusiasm of older time? There were good men on both sides, men who hated evil and had faith to believe that the good would triumph. Men and women have done better work in the world because of their teaching and their influence. Archbishop Sweetman was among the last of a generation of clergymen which is fast passing away. Are there many of their successors who are their equals as servants of God and leaders of men?

WOMAN'S WORK

All the members of the Young Woman's Association and their friends are reminded that the monthly social will be held on Wednesday evening. Refreshments will be served and a musical entertainment given.

Good and Nice

The small child was saying her prayers. This was part of her petition: "O God, make all the good people good, and make all the good people—all the good people—the good people—nice."

Now here was a prayer worth praying. Little Alice must have been familiar with the sort of people whose effort at being good has been so misdirected that it has worn on their nerves, or those other people who are so good in their own estimation that they seem to carry about visible labels to that effect stamped all over them, and who intimidate that by comparison, pretty much everything and everybody is simply horrible. Such goodness is trying and breeds scepticism. We can hardly help doubting its sterling quality. It doesn't ring true. Real goodness can't be so austere, harsh, critical, unkind, priggish, selfish, complacent, we must not show it. Real goodness must attract and not repel. It is a fact. There must be something wrong about a goodness that flaunts itself, to the ruffling of the atmosphere through which it passes. So we may well pray not to be good, but to be nice.

Skill in the use of words may be necessary to express the fine shade of meaning between the two adjectives, but not a large degree of sensitiveness is required to feel it. Involuntarily the difference was suggested by the housewife who, taking down a jar of preserves about whose keeping quality she had felt concerned, said with relief as she tasted it, "Yes, it's good," and added immediately, "And it's nice, too." That should show that good would have been enough to show her a full and cleanly worker, but that it should be attractive to the taste proved her an artist in the relation of fruit to preserving-kettle! Just to be good would have been a great deal, in being free from mould and germs and bacteria, but that it should be nice was the crowning point.

And so it is in people. It is not enough, to be really good, that we not merely escape the workings of the germs and bacteria of badness within us. We must look to the flavor of the goodness. Goodness that is strong and gentle, pure and loving, is pretty sure to be nice; and so acceptable and effective.—New Bedford Standard.

The Art of Old Age

The usual lists of centenarians have been published at the close of the year, and they continue to show a gratifying increase. The census of persons living in the British Isles at the alleged age of a hundred years and upwards makes quite a long list. In spite of the debilitating effects of modern life, we seem to have made some progress in the art of growing old. Not only do centenarians count themselves, now by scores, but there are something like a dozen reported cases of old ladies and gentlemen who are well on their way to the first decade of their second century. There is, indeed, one example of old woman who claims the patriarchal age of 117 years, and as she is the denizen of a workhouse it is possible that the exact date of her birth certificate has not been authenticated. Optimists of a cynical turn suggest that grants of old age pensions will considerably increase the number of persons said to be 102 and upwards. In a good position of life, and about their dates there can be no mistake. There is one old lady known to the writer of these lines who is beyond question in her 104th year, and is still able to read the new books and current magazines and to write long letters about topics of the day in her own hand.

A comparatively youthful veteran is Mr. Frith, R.A., the popular painter of the mid-Victorian epoch, who has just received congratulations from the King on his ninetieth birthday. Mr. Frith, who lives in London, where most of his life has been passed, is still able to take a long walk in Regent's Park daily, to paint pictures, read without spectacles, enjoy his meals, and, as he has admitted to an interviewer, to smoke no less than six cigars a day. He is rather under the impression that he is turning much too tobacco, and is seriously considering the advisability of turning over a new leaf. It is, perhaps, a little difficult to change one's habits at ninety, but Mr. Frith seems vigorous enough to be equal to the achievement. Another famous veteran is Sir Theodore Martin, who is Mr. Frith's senior by more than three years, and is still a full enjoyment of full health and vigor and able to compare the new novelists and dramatists and poets with those with whom he consorted when he wrote the Bon Gaultier Ballads in Edinburgh nearly seventy years ago.—Standard of Empire.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

There are dozens of German papers owned and edited by women and for women. Berlin is alive with women's clubs, but they are not like the New York clubs. They are clubs with a working purpose. If they have a lecture it is on some important live question, by some authority who is able to instruct them. They do not bother with amateur programmes. It is customary for the club to have its club home—a suite of rooms, large and elegant or small and modest, as the case may be. But it is always comfortable, and there is always a reading room, which is open in the evening, and a good library. Some of these club homes have fine auditoriums for meetings, and nearly all of them restaurants, but the library is never lacking.

The life of the German woman is not so frothy as that of the American woman. The class of women who fritter their lives away in clothes and amusements is very much smaller than in America. And even the women who do this are very much better educated than the American women who do the same sort of life. There is not an educated woman in Germany, not one, who cannot speak both English and French freely, fluently, correctly. They are equally thorough in everything. The old thoroughness of the German housewife they take into everything they do. Housework has never been dropped by the German women. There is not a German woman engaged in public work, no matter how advanced, who is not also an accomplished housewife.

It is a remarkable sign of the times that even in eastern countries such as Turkey and Persia the women are in the van of the political movements of the day.

In Persia they take part in the struggle for a constitution, and that they are willing and ready to lay down their lives for the cause is shown by a report from the Tehran correspondent of the St. Petersburg Russ, according to which, after the latest fight that took place outside the city of Tabriz between the Royalists and the constitutional forces, the casualties among the latter included sixty-seven women disguised as men who were found dead in the field.

The hero of the day was one Sata Khan, the military leader of the reform movement, who has been regarded for some time past by the people as the one and only possible deliverer of Persia. It appears that two days after the Shah had annulled the constitution, previously granted, Ahmed Dowleh, the Shah's commander, took the offensive, advanced on Tabriz and shelled the town, inflicting a loss of 100 killed and wounded on the revolutionaries. Then Sata Khan headed a sortie from the town.

His horsemen, covered by artillery, charged the Shah's troops, including the Russian General Leistikoff's Cossacks took them by surprise and routed them. The revolutionaries followed up their victory, pursuing Ah-dowleh's troops for thirteen miles and capturing twelve guns, besides provisions and ammunition. The casualties on both sides amount to about two thousand.

For the moment affairs have quieted down, but it can only be a lull before a greater storm. The news of the severe defeat of the Shah's troops has spread rapidly throughout the country and has enormously strengthened the reformers.

A woman has no natural grace more bewitching than a sweet laugh. It is like the sound of lutes on the water. It leaps from her heart, in a clear, sparkling rill, and the heart that hears it feels as if bathed in the cool exhilarating spring. How much we owe to that sweet laugh! It turns the prose of our life into poetry; it flings shadows of sunshine over the darkest some wood in which we are travelling; it touches with light our sleep which is no more the image of death, but gemmed with dreams that are the shadow of immortality.

Frenchwomen are discarding the use of scent upon their handkerchiefs, and supplying the deficiency by perfuming their gloves. Except when being worn these gloves are kept carefully in a specially scented sachet, and attached to the gloves themselves, tucking into the palms of the hand, are miniature sachets which are frequently renewed so that the perfume they emit may be sufficiently strong and fresh. This lack of perfuming does not relegate the handkerchief to an unimportant position; as a matter of fact it is at the moment a special feature of every toilette and though the coat handkerchief remains small, it is the Louis XV. note that is generally struck. Afternoon handkerchiefs are of fine linen with a wide border of Valenciennes or Venetian lace.

The ladies in Hyderabad are very cultivated. They speak Persian, which was until lately the Court language in the Nizam's dominions, and study Arabic. Indian music is heard in zenanas, and needlework, a favorite amusement. Beautiful gardens are attached to the ladies' rooms in Mahomedan houses, and drives are taken through the city in carriages and palanquins that allow the occupants to see all that is going on outside, but which no eyes can penetrate, specially made curtains hanging before doors and windows. In Hyderabad it is the ambition of every working man to hang up curtains before the windows and doors of his house, and thus make his wife and daughters "purdah ladies." Poor Mohammedans go out of doors in all parts of India enveloped in a sepulchral-looking white (often dirty) garment with two little wire-covered holes to look through. To remain in the house unseen is a sign of gentility, and a Mo-

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Gruyere cheese is now also made in France, where 40,000,000 francs' worth of it are eaten annually. It cannot be made everywhere. It requires certain conditions and regions, such as high mountain pasture lands, covered with all sorts of sweet flowers and herbs.

Roquefort cheese, the cheese par excellence, requires entirely different conditions. When eating it one need not call up green, grassy, upland pastures, or soft-eyed lowing cows—but woolly, bleating sheep, pink herbaceous, mossy pasture fields, and black, musty caverns. In the region of the Cevennes mountains, in France, is situated the little village of Roquefort, known the world over for its cheeses. It is a curious little place, whose houses are built up against a steep cliff pierced with holes, where vultures and crows make their nests, whirling noiselessly about those famous caves where Roquefort cheese is ripened under the ground. Above these cliffs pasture the belled sheep, hungrily nibbling the aromatic herbs, which grow between the rocks. A little shepherd lad watches his flock all day, and at every tide takes them back to the sheep fold, where they are milked by women in linen breeches. The milk, slightly warmed, is left all night in big jars and the next day mixed with the morning's milk. Here the rocket is made from the stomachs of lambs. The soured milk is then poured into little molds of varnished earthenware, and covered with moldy bread. This bread has been dipped in vinegar, and allowed to mold for two months, and it makes the cheese "work," as gives to Roquefort its special flavor, as well as the greenish spots, which have made it justly celebrated among all cheeses. After several days the cheese is put through various operations, salted and scraped, after which it is ready to leave the sheep fold and be put under ground. The rocky cliffs, to which the little houses cling like lichens, have

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made the fortune of the village of Roquefort. In their crevices, caverns, and cold, underground corridors the cheeses are placed. These icy cold caverns are connected by little wooden ladders, and provided with rows of shelves. In this low temperature the cheeses are left to mold without decaying. The greater number of cold currents of air that a corridor possesses, the greater is its value for maturing the perfect Roquefort. The cheese workers are kept busy underground. After 15 days a moldy beard appears on the cheeses. It is a slight, downy mold, which should be perfectly white, close, and slightly humid. As soon as it has come to its full growth it has to be shaved off with a sharp knife by the most skillful hands. Every eight days this operation has to be gone through with, because the beard continually grows. At the end of 30 or 40 days the growth stops, a crust is formed, and the cheese "ripens." The musty beard plays the part of the good microbes in the Gruyere cheese. Nowhere else in the world can Roquefort be made except in its native village. No end of efforts have been made in other parts of France, and other countries, but the effort has ever proved useless. The geologic condition of the soil, the humidity, and the ley currents of air, even in summer cause a kind of local monopoly, which has been carried on at Roquefort for eight centuries. Gourmets all the world over owe thanks for this delicious cheese to the little village of Roquefort, in the Cevennes. At present the sale amounts annually to \$25,000,000, or 125,000,000 francs.

On the Stairs.

He said "Good night!" and he held her hand.

In a hesitating way.

And he hoped that her eyes would understand.

What his lips refused to say.

He held her hand and he murmured low:

"I'm sorry to go like this.

It seems so frightfully cold, you know,

This winter of ours, and miss.

"I thought—perhaps—" and he paused to note.

If she seemed inclined to frown.

But the light of her eyes his heart-strings smote.

As she blushing looked down.

She said no word, but she picked up a speck

Of dust from his coat lapel.

Such a small, such a wee little tiny

'Twas a wonder she saw so well.

And it brought her face so very near.

In the dim, uncertain light.

That the thought, unspoken, was made quite clear.

And I know 'twas a sweet "Good night!"

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Professional Bogie Again to Fore—Vancouver's Situation Outlined

The lacrosse fans are beginning to discuss the season's prospects. It is rather early yet even to surmise how things are going to turn out but two points those interested are agreed upon namely, that if Victoria is going to have a successful team, organization must be commenced at once and that it will be necessary to arrive at some understanding respecting the question of professionalism.

To deal with the first mentioned problem effectively is a difficult task but one which might be assailed with gratifying results by those at the head of the local club because of the experience they have gained in the past and on account of their unselfish and whole-hearted zeal in the interests of the Canadian National pastime.

More Men Needed
Victoria has some material that will form a splendid nucleus. That will be conceded by those who witnessed last year's matches in this city. The twelve available right now are good enough to enter and to carry off the highest honors in a provincial intermediate class, but not of the calibre to win a senior league. Logically, therefore, it is imperative that a number of strong senior men, possessing a thorough knowledge of the sport and willing to take an active part in the development of a fast team, be induced to help solve the vexatious problem.

Some Already Here
Can those who are wanted be procured? That is the question that naturally arises and it does not appear so hard to answer as those who are not in touch with lacrosse lore would believe. Some months ago the president of the Victoria club, with a smile of gratification, announced that he had persuaded the Campbell brothers, notable eastern players, to make their homes here. They are in the city yet and intend to stay. Others, it is believed, have come since, while more are on the coast and are in communication with local club members with a view to procuring positions of sufficient attraction to turn their steps westward. It would seem that all that is necessary is a little energy, some well directed enterprise to bring out the men who are wanted to place the team on such a basis that it could take the field against the Minto cup holders without danger of being made to look like pigmies.

At present Foster Macgurn is in Detroit visiting his relatives. He is expected back shortly. But there is no need that the work should drop during his absence. It should be and it is believed it is being pushed along by those who have taken his place. When he returns, however, there is no doubt that the plans will assume some definite shape and those who are desirous of witnessing the rebuiding of Victoria's lacrosse aggregation will not be disappointed.

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BOXERS AWAIT SOUND OF GONG

Driver Miller Arrived From Vancouver Yesterday—Foley Ready

Last night Driver Miller, the Vancouver lightweight, arrived in the city. He has completed his training preparatory to the ten-round boxing match against Kid Foley to take place this evening at the A.O.U.W. hall. The latter's manager, E. Burns, asserts that his man is in first class shape and will step into the ring at normal weight and prepared to give as fast an exhibition as any of those that have marked his career. Miller will be two prelinaries. One of these will be between J. Butler, the English bantamweight, and J. Hill, the local boxer. It has not yet been announced who will be the principals in the other go, but the management give their assurance that whatever is arranged will be entertaining. Miller and Foley will step into the roped square shortly after 9 o'clock. Their bout will be governed by Marquis of Queensbury rules with the clean break. Harry Dod will referee.

AUSTRALIANS ARRIVE

Colonial Rugby Football Team in America En Route to California
New York, Feb. 1.—The members of the Australian amateur rugby football team, en route to California, were on the steamer La Gascogne when she arrived today from Havre. Within an hour after they landed they were on their way to San Francisco. In California they will play the All-California, the Leland, Stanford and University of California teams. They will sail from Victoria on their return trip to Australia.

SHRUBB-LONGBOAT RACE NEXT FRIDAY

Marathon Contest Much Discussed in Athletic Circles—Who Will Win?

Shrubb and Longboat will meet the indoor Marathon race at New York, which was advertised for the 25th of January and postponed owing to Shrubb's misfortune in injuring his foot on Friday. As the date approaches the interest among local sportsmen increases.

The Montreal Herald says: The race and the probabilities seem to be on the tongue of everybody just here in Montreal, in Toronto, in New York and, in fact, in every centre where men discuss questions of athletic prowess at all. On the other side of the water the cables announcing the winner will be as eagerly looked out for as ever were the cables of the Burns-Johnson fight. For Shrubb is an Englishman and England is proud of him yet, although they did make him a professional and virtually banished him if he ever hoped to run for any profit worth speaking of. In Scotland, too, they will be just as anxious to hear about the race. For it was in Scotland at Brox park, Glasgow, that Shrubb made those wonderful records of his in 1904, records that still stand, and that no one but Shrubb himself has ever come near equalling.

In Old Ireland they have an interest in the result also for Longboat, trained there, at Tom Flanagan's old home at Killybeg, for the Olympic Marathon, which was destined to end for him so disastrously. Ireland takes an interest in the race as much for Flanagan's sake as for that of Longboat, and Ireland would not be the least bit backward in rejoicing at the success of Flanagan's protégé if the Indian should win.

Probably there was never a race like it in the history of the world. For one thing it marks Longboat's first appearance against the real thing. It also marks the summit of Shrubb's ambition to get a chance at Longboat. For the past two years, ever since Longboat came into the limelight, the little Englishman has been hot foot on his trail. A match was, of course, out of the question as long as the Canadian was in the amateur ranks. Then came the indoor Marathon craze, consequent on the professionalizing of Hayes, the winner of the Olympic Marathon, and Dorando the first to finish in the same race only to be disqualified.

Who Will Win?
But the question is who is going to win? It may be granted that after it is all over there will be the usual number of people who will say "I told you so," for only one man can win and opinion seems to be about evenly divided on the point. The convictions of the prophets are, however, bound to be more or less of the personal kind for there is little or no chance to guide one. Shrubb has never run so long a race as the full Marathon distance. Longboat has never run against so fast a man up to fifteen miles as this same Shrubb. You will hear all round you various theories as to the manner in which the race will be run, but it is as safe to guess that one man has figured it out to a nicety and he isn't going to tell—and that's Shrubb himself.

The great drawback to the minds of many to forming any definite ideas about the probabilities is that Longboat has ceased to run under the management of Tom Flanagan. The real truth about the break between the two has only just come out, and it indicates once more the extreme cleverness of the former Irish-Canadian manager.

It seems that Longboat was sore on Flanagan, and some snake-in-the-grass had fostered this until he absolutely refused to run Shrubb in New York under Flanagan's management. The Irishman says what was coming and evaded a suit for damages for non-fulfilment of contract by transferring the Indian's contract to Powers, and now Powers does his own worrying, and sues himself if the Indian does not toe the scratch. Wise Flanagan!

Canadian Curlers Win Again
Glasgow, Feb. 1.—The second match against Scotland was played at Glasgow myloof today and resulted in another victory for the Canadian curlers, the score being 106 to 77. The third and final match of the series for the Strathcona trophy will be played on February 2.

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J.B.A.A. vs. CITY
Fifth Local Rugby Match Next Saturday—Practice at Bay's Gymnasium

On Saturday next the J.B.A.A. and City rugby teams will come together for the fifth time this season. If the City team can gather together all those who aspire for places on the representative fifteen, the game should be close and exciting. The J.B.A.A. will journey to Vancouver on the 27th inst. to meet the McGill team of that city in a return match and for this purpose will hold practices in the club gymnasium on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7:30 sharp. All players are requested to take notice.

ONE MORE MATCH IN B. C. LEAGUE

Victoria Rugger's Go to Vancouver in Fortnight—About Australia's Visit

Vancouver now leads by one game in the British Columbia rugby championship series. Through lack of preparation and the lukewarm support officials were given by players in their plans for training, Victoria lost to the mainland on Saturday, giving the latter a tight grip on the McKeechle cup. "Is the hold going to be loosened by the next match or is Vancouver to be allowed to remain in possession of the McKeechle cup?" That is the query that has arisen since last week's deplorable exhibition. It is up to H. Gillespie, captain of the Victoria team, and his men to answer the way or the other by the attitude they adopt between now and the 13th inst., the date of the fourth contest between the Island and Mainland fifteens which will take place at the Brockton Point grounds.

The enthusiasts hope that Victoria will wake up during the fortnight that intervenes. If that happens and a series of largely attended practices are inaugurated there is a general belief that the home team will prove too much for their rivals even though laboring under the handicap of having to play away from home after a tedious night trip. There still is the chance that the final match will go to Victoria and that an extra on a neutral area will be necessary to decide the issue. That is what those who left the Oak Bay grounds on Saturday disappointed have in view, and if the players are of the same optimistic frame of mind and enter into training in the proper spirit, there is no reason why the unexpected should not occur.

To Select B. C. Team.
Immediately after the next contest in which Victoria and Vancouver will engage the officials of both clubs will hold a meeting to select a combination of fifteen to go against the Wallabies, of Australia, on the occasion of their visit to British Columbia. The Colonials are booked to meet the University of California team on the 6th, the University of Stanford on the 10th, and All-California on the 13th inst. They are due to reach this province on the 19th inst. and will play All-British Columbia at Vancouver on the 20th inst. On the 25th they will play what is expected to be their last match away from home against the provincial aggregation in this city.

Cold Wave Hits Toronto.
Toronto, Feb. 1.—This morning broke the record for the season in the matter of low temperatures. The official thermometer at the observatory registered 9 below zero at six a.m. and 4 below at eight a.m.

Death of Mrs. G. W. Allan.
Toronto, Feb. 1.—Mrs. Allan, widow of the late Hon. G. W. Allan, was found dead in bed in the family residence, Homewood Avenue, this morning. She was 74 years old. Heart failure is supposed to have been the cause of death. She leaves six children, one of whom is George Allan, Winnipeg solicitor for the C.P.R.

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The annual general meeting of the members of the J. B. A. A. will be held at the club rooms, Belleville street, Tuesday, 2nd day of February, 1909, at 8:30 p. m.

VINCENT K. GRAY, Secretary-Treasurer.
Victoria, B. C., Jan. 30, 1909.

RECORD MONTH AMONG BOWLERS

Players of Douglas Street Alleys Who Have Run Up Good Scores

The past month has been a record one for high scores among the Douglas Street Alley bowlers. H. Jamieson put up the highest mark, having made 293. The prize for five pins was won by J. B. Woods, with an average of 66 for 10 games.

Appended is a list of those who have attained scores of 25 and over with the number of such matches they have played:

C. C. Mathews, 85; W. Williams, 34; H. Jamieson, 32; T. J. Fox, 29; E. Townsley, 15; J. B. Woods, 16; A. J. McQuarrie, 15; C. H. Mason, 11; A. Patterson, 13; J. Moran, 7; P. Turner, 6; C. W. Brooks, 5; A. Proctor, 6; Banner, 5; G. Pile, 5; B. Nelson, 5; J. Lowry, 4; M. B. Roberts, 4; H. Schank, 3; E. Gordon, 3; H. Aaronson, 2; B. Pike, 2; F. Hill, 1; T. R. Cusack, 1; A. Gibson, 1; G. W. Steen, 1; Anderson, 2; H. Bates, 1; A. Malet, 1; A. Curton, 1; L. Eberts, 1; F. Jordan, 1; C. Lanson, 1.

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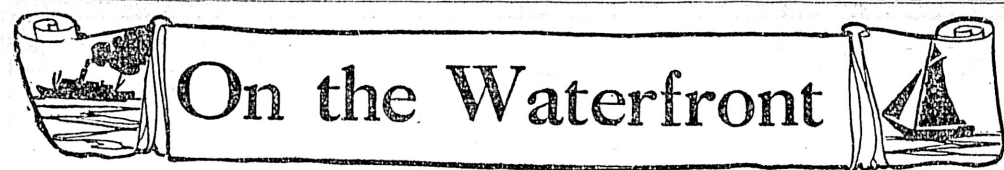
Articles of Alliance Submitted By Canadian Organization For Approval

The British Columbia Athletic union, through its secretary, Mr. H. Gowen, has received from the C. A. A. U., a draft of the proposed articles of alliance between the two bodies. The principal clauses are as follows:

1. At all meetings of the C. A. A. U. the B. C. A. A. U. shall be entitled to representation by not more than six delegates or alternates, having equal vote.
2. From among those delegates shall be chosen three members of the board of governors of the C. A. A. U., each with privileges equal to other members of the board.
3. The B. C. A. A. U. to recognize the C. A. A. U. as the governing body of the Club Rooms, Belleville Street, and the other parts.
4. The C. A. A. U. to delegate to the B. C. A. A. U. the full control and jurisdiction over all athletic sports in the province of British Columbia.
5. All games or athletic meetings open to amateurs residing in British Columbia shall be held under the rules of the B. C. A. A. U., providing the qualifications of all persons competing in such meetings shall be in conformity with the conditions of competition prescribed in the constitution and rules of the C. A. A. U.
6. Each party to the alliance to respect disqualifications inflicted by the other party.
7. The articles of alliance may be terminated by either party upon thirty days' written notice.
8. Mr. Gowen will bring the matter up at a meeting of the executive of the B. C. A. A. U. to be held shortly and will attend the next meeting of the local board to discuss the outline of the agreement before further action is taken.

Naval Congress.
London, Feb. 1.—The delegates to the international naval congress, which has been in session in London since December, were entertained at dinner this evening by the naval attaches of the various embassies and legations. They will be received in private audience tomorrow by King Edward at Buckingham Palace.

Power Line Strikes Snag.
Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 1.—A number of Flamboro farmers have issued writs against the Ontario Hydro-Electric commission, alleging that the leases of certain portions of their farms to be used for the Niagara Falls power pole line were obtained by misrepresentation and the concealment of material facts relative to the danger of the towers, and ask that the leases be cancelled. The Wentworth township council has also asked that the power of the commission to erect poles along the highway be subordinated to the permission of the council.



TO INAUGURATE NEW SERVICE

Steamer Ella Will Sail From
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on Thursday

A NEW LINE TO MEXICO

Service to Be Extended to Central and Southern American Ports

With the sailing of the German steamer Ella from the outer wharf on Thursday for Manzanillo, Mazatlan, Acapulco and Salina Cruz, a second steamship service to Mexican ports will be inaugurated by Jensen & Ostrander of Seattle, under the local agency of Greer, Courtney & Skene of this city. The new line which will be served by the German steamers Erna and Ella, formerly used in the Dutch Java royal mail service, the Ella, which is now loading on the Sound and which is to come here via Vancouver on Thursday starting the service. A contract has been made between the agents of the new line and the Mexican Central Railway company for a traffic agreement to interior points, and it is expected a subsidy of \$60,000 a year will be received from the Mexican government. The Ella will proceed from here to San Francisco where she sails for Manzanillo direct under agreement with the Mexican railway. The schedule provides that the trip between San Francisco and Manzanillo be made within 5-1-2 days and Mexico City is reached in 30 hours later.

In common with the Canadian-Mexican steamship line the new service to Mexico provides for through bills of lading over the Tehuantepec National Railroad company's line and to and from the United Kingdom and the Continent by the connecting steamship lines plying on the Atlantic. On the northbound service a call will be made at San Diego, and it is expected that large shipments of bananas will be made. Arrangements are reported to have been made for 10,000 bunches for each steamer.

It is probable that the new steamship service will shortly be extended to Central American ports and as far south as Peru. It is stated that the Mexican government is prepared to double the subsidy given to the line if the service is extended to Peruvian ports.

Description of Vessels.

The Erna and Ella are both steel single screw steamers 360 feet long, 43 feet beam and 27.7 feet deep, with freight capacity for 4,000 tons and passenger accommodation for 64 first class passengers, all the passenger accommodation being on the main deck, 24 second and 1300 tonnage. They are equipped with hydraulic hoists, electric light and refrigerating services and have a sea speed of 13 knots with a daily consumption of 35 tons of coal. The Ella was formerly known as the Prinz Hendrik. For several months the Ella has been cruising along the Siberian coast between Vladivostok, Nakhodka and Amur and Saghalien. Last autumn she returned to Kobe, where she received orders to proceed to Mororan. At Mororan she loaded railroad ties for the Mexican Central railway, which she delivered at Manzanillo. She arrived on Puget Sound last week and has been taking cargo at Seattle for her first voyage in the new service.

The intention of Jensen & Ostrander is to establish a service which will give the ports of British Columbia and Puget Sound connection via California and not only Mexico, but Central and Southern America. The steamers of the line will call at San Benito, Ocos, Champerley, La Libertad and other ports, going as far south as Corinto and returning, at La Union, Acapulco, San Jose de Guatemala and other ports along the coast of California.

Special attention is to be given the handling of fruit from Mexican and Central American ports to California, Puget Sound and British Columbia. The service given will be on a four weekly schedule. Other steamers will be held in readiness to place on the service as soon as trade warrants.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY TO BE COMPULSORY

French Government May Lead in Legislation Expected From Mercantile Nations

That compulsory wireless telegraphic communication will before long be a feature of the shipping laws of mercantile nations is the belief of all those who go down to the sea in ships. The value of the apparatus has been shown many times of late, notably in the Republic disaster, in which the use of wireless communication brought speedy assistance to the sinking liner in time to take off all on board. A despatch from Paris says that as a result of the Republic's use of wireless telegraphy the French government is studying the entire question of wireless telegraphic communication with the idea of introducing a bill to oblige French navigation companies to install wireless apparatus on all ships above a certain tonnage.

Refusing a tempting offer of \$1000 a week to appear on the vaudeville stage, "Jack" Binas, the wireless operator who proved himself a hero in the recent collision between the Atlantic liners Republic and Florida, sailed for his home in England today on the steamer Baltic.

The Amilla reef lightship is coaling at Seattle and will return to her station as soon as new moorings arrive from Astoria to replace those lost when the vessel broke adrift during a gale on January 27.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE

Special to the Colonist
Tatoosh, 8 a.m.—Light rain, wind southeast, 20 miles an hour. In, a steam schooner, probably Shasta, at 7.30 a.m., steamer Rosecrans at 7.40 a.m. Tatoosh, noon—Cloudy, wind southeast. Out, steamer Tremont at 8.50 a.m.
Tatoosh, 6 p.m.—Cloudy, and east wind, 20 miles an hour. Out, steamer Wellington, at 12.15 p.m.

By Wireless
Tatoosh, 8 a.m.—Light rain, wind southeast, 20 miles an hour. Bar. 29.68, temp. 46. In, steam schooner, probably the Shasta, at 7.30 a.m. Out, steamer Rosecrans, at 7.40 a.m. Puchena, 8 a.m.—Rain, southeast gale. Bar. 29.51, temp. 43. Sea rough.
Estevan, 8 a.m.—Rain, wind southeast. Bar. 29.60, temp. 44. Sea rough.

Point Grey, 8 a.m.—Clear, calm. Bar. 29.58, temp. 42.
Cape Lazo, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, wind southeast. Bar. 29.56, temp. 40. Sea rough.
Cape Lazo, noon—Cloudy, a southeast wind. Bar. 29.67, temp. 46. Sea rough.

Point Grey, noon—Cloudy, wind southeast. Bar. 29.73, temp. 46.
Tatoosh, noon—Cloudy, wind southeast, 25 miles an hour. Bar. 29.78, temp. 45. Passed out, Tremont at 8.50.
Puchena, noon—Rain, southeast gale. Bar. 29.65, temp. 45. Sea rough. Tees passed down at 9 a.m.

Estevan, noon—Cloudy, wind southeast. Bar. 29.74, temp. 47. Sea rough.
Cape Lazo, 6 p.m.—Cloudy, wind southeast. Bar. 29.75, temp. 42. No shipping.
Point Grey, 6 p.m.—Light showers, heavy seaward. Wind southeast. Bar. 29.39, temp. 41. In, a large sternwheel dredge. Tatoosh, 6 p.m.—Cloudy, and east wind, 20 miles an hour. Bar. 29.75, temp. 46. Out, steamer Wellington at 12.15 p.m. Puchena, 6 p.m.—Rain, light east wind. Bar. 29.65, temp. 43. Sea rough. No shipping.
Estevan, 6 p.m.—Rain, wind southeast. Bar. 29.77, temp. 46. Sea rough. No shipping.

CECIL EXPECTED TO DISCHARGE NITRATE

Delayed by Stranding at Magdalena Bay and Salvage Suit Which Followed

The steamer Cecil is expected to reach port today from the west coast of South America to discharge 1,000 tons of nitrate from Chilean ports. Mr. Johnston, representative of W. R. Grace & Co., arrived by the steamer Princess Victoria on Sunday to look after the business of the steamer while here. She has also 2,000 tons of copper ore from Chili for the Tacoma smelter. The charter of the steamer Cecil will expire after the discharge of her cargo, and she will be replaced by the steamer Elir now lying at Esquimalt. The Cecil was delayed by standing libel suits following the accident on her way north. She went ashore in Magdalena Bay and was pulled off by the steamer Curacao of the Pacific Coast steamship company. For this service the Curacao's owners asked \$25,000 salvage. The Cecil was libeled on arrival at San Diego and was delayed until bonds were given. The action is to be tried in the Admiralty court at San Diego on Monday next.

EIR WILL SALUTE TOWN OF BALLARD

Former Residence of Her Owner to Be Honored on Way to Tacoma

When the Norwegian steamer Elir arrives off Ballard next Friday from Esquimalt on her way to Tacoma to load for her first trip to the west coast from South America under charter to W. R. Grace & Co., the freighter will be fully dressed and salutes of rockets will be fired, while the whistle is merrily tooted. This in honor of the city of Ballard, which is a suburb of Seattle.

According to the story told on the waterfront yesterday Capt. Marcusen has been instructed to salute Ballard and has laid in many rockets in readiness. It seems that before he became a shipowner in Norway the owner of the Elir was resident of Ballard and he looks back with interest to his days spent there before his bank account was large, and it is in honor of his former residence there that the Elir is to make a display.

On Sunday the Elir was decked with flags at Esquimalt. Masters of the other vessels which have been lying for some time in Esquimalt looked up their calendars to ascertain what Norwegian gala day it was, but the almanacs gave no information. A launch pulled off from the cable steamer Restorer to find out.

"What Norwegian holiday is it today?" queried the visitors.

"My birthday," said Capt. Marcusen.

Which was why the steamer Elir was dressed on Sunday.

The Elir, after lying at Esquimalt since November, last has been chartered by W. R. Grace & Co. to replace the steamer Cecil now due here with nitrate in the west coast trade. She will carry lumber south and bring nitrate from Chilean ports.

TEES RETURNS FROM THE WEST COAST

Brought Lifesaving Crew Ordered Home From Banfield

The steamer Tees, which assisted in the rescue of the crew of the lost four-masted schooner Soquel, returned yesterday from Cape Scott and way ports of the west coast after a delayed voyage, owing to the work done at the wreck. As passengers she had Capt. W. H. Gillen and the eight men of the Banfield creek life-saving crew who were ordered to Victoria following the wreck of the Banfield motor lifeboat, which drifted away from the station during a south gale and brought upon the rocks of Robbers' island, across the eastern channel of Barkley sound. Other passengers were Rev. Father Morrice, of Clayoquot; Dr. Reynolds, of Clayoquot; and Mr. Gibson, of San Juan.

Tough weather was experienced to the westward and the steamer put into Winter harbor to shelter from a heavy southeast gale. Twice stops were made on account of heavy weather. From Nootka the steamer had a large number of Indians as deck passengers, the Indians returning from a big potlatch which has been going on at Nootka for some time past.

The boat's crew of the Tees which took part in the rescue of the Soquel's crew was manned by Chief Officer Gilliam, and Lawrence Wilson, J. Bradley, Hugh Wilson and David Munro. The seamen had little to add to the story of the gallant rescue of the unfortunates on the Soquel. They assisted the lifesavers from Banfield in the work, and with a line from their boat to that of the Leebay, steadied the lifesavers while they stood close to the rock and took off the shipwrecked men with lines. Wilson, one of the boat's crew from the Tees, wanted to swim to the rock to assist in the work. The crew of the Soquel looked upon the incident in the light only as part of the day's work.

The wreck of the Soquel was still standing, leaning well over to starboard when the Tees passed south yesterday afternoon.

SHAWMUT AND TREMONT LEAVE THE PACIFIC

United States Steamers Give Up Long Fight to Keep Place in Trans-Pacific Trade

The steamer Shawmut sailed from San Francisco on Sunday for New York and the Tremont went from Tacoma yesterday to San Francisco to load for the Atlantic. Both steamers leaving the Pacific to be operated between New York and the Panama canal belt by the United States government. The Seattle Post Intelligence laments their departure as follows:

The fine freight steamers Tremont and Shawmut have departed from Puget sound to make the long voyage to the Atlantic, where they will go in to the government service as trans-Pacific mailers. Their departure from the Pacific marks the end of another experiment in the attempt to conduct American lines of steamships across the Pacific in competition with subsidized foreign steamships and without government aid or even a fair share of the government carrying trade. They were sold to the government at a price very much lower than their cost or the cost at which they could have been duplicated.

Neither vessel would have been withdrawn from these waters or from American trans-Pacific trade had any government aid been extended to it. Indeed, in the Oriental trade it had been given a government carrying trade to the Philippines alone at an fair rate of remuneration.

For six years the vessels ran regularly between Puget sound and China, Japan and the Philippines. They were among the very best American freight vessels ever put into commission. They had the contract for carrying government freight to the Philippines, but secured but a small fraction of the business, because the quartermaster's department of the navy gave the steady preference to the foreign tramp steamships which were converted into transports, and occasionally even gave a cargo to a foreign steamship as well.

Denied the government carrying business; receiving no aid or encouragement from any official source in the attempt to build up American trade with subsidized foreign liners and with tramp steamships of all nations and the railroad lines between forbidden by the Interstate commerce commission to extend them any special privileges, they were forced out of the trade. After being idle for many months, they have finally left the waters of the Pacific never to return. It is a hard story of government indifference to or actual discrimination against a dying American industry.

PRINCESS ENA ARRIVES

C. P. R. Freighter Reached San Diego on Sunday With Cargo of Fertilizer

The steamer Princess Ena, which took a cargo of fertilizer from the west coast whaling stations of the Pacific Whaling Company at Sechart and Kyuquot, and completed her cargo at the Outer Wharf, arrived at San Pedro on Sunday. It is expected the steamer will make two more trips to the Californian port with full cargoes of fertilizer.

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BECKENHAM COMING HERE

Watts Yachts Steamer on Way From Guaymas to This Port For Orders

The British steamer Beckenham left Guaymas Friday for Royal Roads for orders. The Beckenham, which is one of the steamers of the Watts-Yachts fleet, took a cargo of coal from Newcastle to the United States and is coming north in ballast. The steamer has visited Victoria several times and Capt. Craggs has many friends here. It is not known whether the steamer has been chartered outward, and she may go to Esquimalt to await orders.

THE STEAMER JUPITER COMING FOR COAL

Was Held Up at Aberdeen Owing to Libel Suit For Damage to a Wharf

The big Spanish freighter Jupiter is expected to arrive today to load bunker coal for her voyage to Sydney with a cargo of lumber loaded at Gray's harbor. The Jupiter has been delayed at the Washington port owing to libel suits brought because of damage to the wharf at Aberdeen. The steamer was moored to the wharf and when she lifted with the tide, raised some of the piling. After satisfying the claims against her, the Jupiter cleared on Saturday from Aberdeen and was expected to reach port yesterday. The suits and delay will cost the owners of the Jupiter about \$1,000, but Capt. Gorli thinks the chartering firm at San Francisco will meet the bill. While the Jupiter was at Aberdeen an interview was published giving by the master of the steamer schooner Meteor, who claimed that tramp steamers were of no value to coast ports and "were a menace to American sailing ships." Capt. Gorli, in reply to this, stated that his vessel had spent \$8,000 while at Aberdeen. The value of the lumber cargo on the Jupiter is \$38,000.

SAN FRANCISCO LINERS

Santa Rosa Sailed From Outer Wharf Yesterday—Queen is Delayed

The steamer Santa Rosa, of the Pacific Steamship Company, sailed last night from the Outer Wharf for San Francisco. Rendondo, Santa Barbara, San Pedro and San Diego. She carried a good cargo and a fair complement of passengers. Among those who embarked here were: Mrs. K. K. Clements, Miss Hamilton, Mrs. Charles Broadhead, Mrs. C. P. Wiley, Mrs. M. McKinnon, J. J. Grant and Mrs. Grant, W. Chancellor, R. G. Cunningham, A. McKinnon, J. Power, S. C. Wright, A. Herring, C. Arthur, W. D. J. J. Barsley, H. H. Crabb, H. L. Davis and E. Putnam.

The steamer Queen, which was scheduled to reach port yesterday from San Francisco, will not arrive until this afternoon. She was several hours late in leaving San Francisco, from where she sailed on Sunday at 6 a.m.

TITANIA DAMAGED ON THE PASSAGE SOUTH

Four Lifeboats Crushed By Heavy Seas Which Swept on the Big Collier

The Norwegian steamer Titania which reached San Francisco on Sunday from Nanaimo with a full cargo of coal had an extremely rough passage down the coast during which four lifeboats were crushed like egg shells by the heavy seas that came aboard at Cape Plattery. The vessel was swept from stem to stern repeatedly and her cargo shifted giving her a deck fittings by the seas.

The Titania is a large turret steamer which has been engaged for years in the coal trade between the Nanaimo mines and San Francisco. She is one of the big fleet of W. Wilhelmsen & Sons of Tonsberg, Norway.

LUMBER CARRIERS ARRIVE

Wilhelmine at Cardiff from Chemalmus and W. H. Smith is at Iquique

The German ship Wilhelmine, Capt. Erdmann, which left Chemalmus on August 25th with a cargo of lumber for Cardiff, arrived at Welsh port on Saturday. The vessel occupied 158 days on the passage. The schooner W. H. Smith, which took a cargo of lumber from the Hastings mills at Vancouver for Iquique, reached the Peruvian port on January 24.

PROPOSED JAPANESE LINE TO SALINA CRUZ

Toyo Kisen Kaisha Expects a Subsidy From Japanese and Mexican Governments

Regarding the proposed Japanese steamship line to be established by the Toyo Kisen Kaisha between Japanese ports and Salina Cruz to connect with the Tehuantepec National railway, Charge d'Affaires P. A. Jay of the U. S. legation at Tokio has forwarded the following statement to the Washington government.

The Mexican government has approached the Japanese Foreign office to enlist the latter's assistance in making arrangements with Japanese steamship companies. In compliance with the request the foreign office has referred the matter to the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, which year before last dispatched its steamer, the Kasado Maru, to Salina Cruz with Japanese immigrants. At the time of the Kasado Maru's initial voyage to Mexico the Tehuantepec Railway was still building but since then the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, as the result of investigations of the locality, has come to realize the necessity of a new line besides the one to San Francisco. The company has, therefore, promptly taken up the matter and made some proposals. But it does not, of course, suppose that it can open a Mexican line, unless either the Japanese or the Mexican government subsidizes it.

"The distance between Yokohama and Salina Cruz is about 6000 miles and that between Coatzacoalcos and New York about 1,500 miles, while the new railway is 189 miles long, so that the aggregate distance is about 8,000 miles. While in point of speed the new route would be unable to compete with the San Francisco line, it might profitably be used in the shipment of American cottons from New Orleans and Galveston, and of Japanese goods which do not require quick transportation. The Mexican people are proud

of the Tehuantepec railway because in connecting the two oceans it has an advantage over the Panama canal by 1,000 miles. Shipping in Mexico, however, is in a state of infancy, and the country has to depend upon foreign steamship companies. The Mexican government may, therefore, grant a subsidy; while, on the other hand, the Toyo Kisen Kaisha is contemplating two new lines, viz., a Pacific line between Yokohama and Salina Cruz, and an Atlantic line between Tehuantepec and New York via Galveston. Director Shirahashi, of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, who is now in London, may proceed to Mexico as the negotiations go on."

G. A. Keefer stated at New Westminster that the ship channel from New Westminster to the Gulf would be deepened to 30 feet by the end of March next year. He said the new dredge now en route from Germany is depended on to do the necessary dredging and that Mr. Keefer for announced at the meeting it should be able easily to maintain a minimum depth of 30 feet at low water until such time as the jetties are constructed to make the work permanent. The dredge King Edward, Mr. Keefer said this morning, was fitted out to do some work at Wallace's wharf on the Burrard inlet, and will then return probably next week to finish up the work on the Annville wing dam, interrupted by the ice run some weeks ago. After that is done probably in a week the dredge will work at the sandheads and maintain a 30 foot channel there until the arrival of the Crillon dredge. There is only a half a mile at the sandheads, Mr. Keefer said, that required the attention of the dredge.

Nearly all the officers who sailed in the American steamer Tremont for years, while she plied between Seattle and Hongkong, will stand by the big vessel until she is delivered to the government at New York. Capt. T. W. Garlick continues in command, but the name of Chief Officer Emory Rice is missing. He is now running out of San Francisco as chief officer of one of the Pacific Mail's Oriental liners. His place has been taken by T. A. Anderson, formerly second officer on the Shawmut. Mr. Anderson is a prominent young officer, son of Capt. O. A. Anderson, pilot of the Kosmos steamers. Pursing Frank H. Churrlton, while Chief Engineer W. E. Pundington is still in charge of affairs in the engine room. Chief Steward E. J. Burke remains at his post. Second Officer J. C. Hargraves and Dr. N. W. Brown will also make the voyage to New York.

When the Osaka Shosen Kaisha selected names for its steamers one was given the name of Tacoma Maru. This caused indignation at Seattle, which city had not been similarly honored, and requests of Seattle commercial bodies to have that city recognized in the naming of the new steamers of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, which will operate between the Orient and Puget Sound in connection with the Chicago, Milwaukee and Puget Sound railroad, were made by cable. These were effective. Advice from the Orient announced that one of the liners will be christened Seattle Maru. The Tacoma Maru was the first launched and others were to have been named Canada Maru, Suez Maru, Mexico Maru and Panama Maru. One of these will be substituted by Seattle Maru.

MOVEMENT OF VESSELS

Steamers to Arrive
Vessel Due
Shasta Maru Feb. 4
Empress of Japan Feb. 6
From Australia
Moana Feb. 11
Makura Mar. 10
Aorangi April 8
From Mexico
Lonsdale Feb. 10
From Skagway
Princess May Feb. 4
From Northern British Columbia Ports
Princess Beatrice Feb. 11
Queen City Feb. 4
From West Coast
Tees Jan. 31
From San Francisco
Queen Feb. 7
City of Puebla Feb. 1
Suez Maru Feb. 13
Queen Feb. 19

Sailing Vessels
Vessel Left
Puritan Boston Date
Tosa Maru Feb. 2
Empress of Japan Feb. 24
For Australia
Aorangi Jan. 29
Moana Feb. 26
Makura Mar. 26
Aorangi April 23
For Mexico
Georgia Jan. 31
For Skagway
Princess May Feb. 8
For Northern British Columbia Coast
Princess Beatrice Feb. 7
Queen City Feb. 7
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Tees Feb. 1
For San Francisco
Queen Feb. 7
City of Puebla Feb. 13
Suez Maru Feb. 13
Queen Feb. 25

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Victoria-Seattle
S. S. Princess Royal
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Leave Seattle 10 p. m. daily except Tuesday. Arrive Vancouver 7:30 a. m. daily except Wednesday.
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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Fred A. Richardson of Vancouver is a guest at the Empress.

Col. Howell went over to Vancouver last night on the Princess Charlotte.

Arthur Dickson of Seattle spent Sunday in Victoria with friends.

Miss May Moore of Seattle is spending a few days with her friend Miss Martin.

Mrs. S. I. Wilson, of Seattle, is visiting Mrs. T. W. Fawcett, of Linden avenue.

J. H. Blyth left yesterday via the Northern Pacific on a business trip to Spokane.

W. Dyson and J. Arthur left for San

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For School Trustee

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POSITIVELY NO ONE SEATED DURING THE ACTS

Francisco on the steamer Santa Rosa last night.

H. H. Jones was a passenger from Seattle on Sunday by the steamer Princess Victoria.

Dr. W. H. Axtell of Bellingham, Wash., is visiting Victoria. He is registered at the Empress.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Liddle of Winnipeg, are in the city. They are staying at the Empress.

Mrs. E. J. Palmer of Chemainus has come to town for a few days. She is staying at the Empress.

Wm. G. McMorris, business manager of the Nelson News is in the city. He will be here for a few days.

Miss Salaway left for Vancouver by the Princess Charlotte to attend the performance of "Ben Hur."

Mr. and Mrs. Paterson left yesterday afternoon via the Northern Pacific on a trip to Los Angeles, Cal.

Mr. Duncan McIntosh, of Greenwood, arrived in town last evening, and is staying at the Driard.

Mr. P. G. Noot came down from Ladysmith yesterday and is staying at the Driard.

Mr. J. M. Wilson arrived in town from Salmon Arm last evening, and is staying at the Driard.

Mr. Earl Hyde, of Spokane, arrived in town last evening, and is stopping at the Driard.

Mr. Herbert Skinner came down from Nanaimo yesterday, and is staying at the Balmoral.

Mr. Geo. D. Nicol, of Winnipeg, arrived in town last evening and is staying at the Balmoral.

Mr. W. E. Stiles, of Boston, arrived in town last evening, and is staying at the Empress.

Mr. Jos. Patrick, of Nelson, arrived in town last evening and is staying at the Empress.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Liddle, of Winnipeg, arrived in town last evening, and are staying at the Empress.

Mr. Jas. J. Warren, of Toronto, arrived in town last evening, and is staying at the Empress.

Mr. E. Littman, of Chicago, arrived in town last evening, and is stopping at the Empress.

Dr. M. Raynor arrived down from Clayquot, upon the west coast, yesterday, and is staying at the Dominion.

J. E. McMullen of Vancouver, C.P.R. solicitor, is in the city on legal business. He is a guest at the Empress.

R. G. Cunningham, of Port Essington, left by the steamer Santa Rosa yesterday evening for San Francisco.

Mrs. G. H. Hughes and Miss Hughes left yesterday for Los Angeles on an extended visit.

Miss Sutton left yesterday via the Northern Pacific on a visit to friends in Colusa, Cal.

J. E. McMullen, C. P. R. solicitor at Vancouver, returned home last night on the Princess Charlotte.

Captain Gaudin went over to Vancouver on Sunday on a short business trip.

Mr. Arthur R. Kingscote and Mrs. H. B. McDunn, from St. Paul, Minn., are in the city on a business trip.

Mr. Sewell and Mr. A. V. Kenah, came over to Victoria from the Terminal City yesterday.

Mr. and Miss Clough, from Nebraska, are on a visit to friends in the city, with whom they will spend the next few weeks.

E. R. Stephen, of the Great Northern Railway, returned from Seattle on Sunday by the steamer Princess Victoria.

Messrs. R. D. McClure and T. Chetwynd came down from Shawnigan lake yesterday, and are staying at the Dominion.

Mrs. W. M. Jarvis and family of Red Deer, Alberta arrived on Saturday and are the guests of Mrs. Lurry, Niagara street.

Mr. T. Ptolemy was a passenger on the Princess Charlotte from Vancouver Sunday night, the guest of Mrs. Lurry, Niagara street.

Messrs. John Rutten and Maurice McArdle, of Kenora, Ont., arrived in town last evening, and are staying at the Dominion.

Capt. P. Byng Hall and Mr. N. A. Jessop, came down from Shawnigan lake yesterday, and are staying at the Balmoral.

Messrs. Thomas A. Smith and G. W. Herbert arrived in town last evening from Hornby Island, and are staying at the Balmoral.

J. R. Waghorn, of Vancouver, who has been in the city on a business trip returned home last night on the Princess Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Liddle, of Winnipeg, called at the Tourist and Development association rooms yesterday afternoon.

Mr. A. S. Morris, who has been in Victoria from Prince Rupert, left for Vancouver on Saturday en route for the north.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler, who have been on a trip to New York, Chicago and other eastern points, have returned to Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert T. Swinton, who have been visiting friends in Victoria, have returned to their home in New Westminster.

Bert Robson, son of G. P. Robson, of the Hudson Bay company, has been appointed purser on the Mackenzie steamer Rupert City.

Mr. W. Crawley Ricardo, the manager of the Earl of Aberdeen's great Coldstream orchard and ranch, near Vernon, arrived in town last evening, and is staying at the Empress.

Hayter Reed, the general superintendent of the C.P.R. system of hotels, is expected to arrive in this city within a couple of weeks, or at all events before the end of the month.

Among the passengers on the Princess Charlotte last night for Vancouver were C. E. Bedds, A. Johnson, W. A. Bissett, J. Hemmans, W. P. Salisbury, R. Slade, H. A. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Winch, Miss Hobbs.

Mr. Kenneth P. Lindsay, who formerly resided in Victoria, but who is now living in Winnipeg, has been called to this city owing to the serious illness of his father, with whom he is staying at the Empress.

Master Frank Bagshaw has successfully passed the Christmas examination of the McGill University at Vancouver, in mechanical engineering. He is a son of Mr. G. J. Bagshaw of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartholomew Grant, from Aberdeen, Scotland, spent the week-end in Victoria, during a tour which they are making of western Canada. They express themselves delighted with this city.

Mrs. Hogg, 26 Dallas avenue, regrets that she will be unable to receive on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. next, owing to the accident which her husband received on Saturday last. She will, however, be "At Home" on the last Wednesday of this month.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Featherbrace, from Gloucestershire, England, have been making a tour of Canada and the United States and passed through Victoria yesterday on their way to Seattle, en route for New York, from whence they will sail for their home in the Old Country.

PRESENT AT RESCUE OF REPUBLIC'S COMPANY

A. E. Ashworth Tells of Exciting Scenes Following Big Liners' Collision

"I was one of the passengers upon the S.S. Baltic," said Mr. A. E. Ashworth, C.E., of Vernon at the Empress last evening. "We had already been delayed two days by very bad weather at sea through strong head winds and a very heavy head sea and when we were within 90 miles of Sandy Hook a wireless message informed us that a collision had just occurred at sea off the Nantuxet light and about 100 miles to the eastward of us.

"It was about seven o'clock in the morning when this message reached us and we at once turning steamed full head on for the place indicated. But, although we arrived near this spot at 11:20 o'clock upon the same morning of course, so thick was the fog that we were forced to grope about until 6:30 in the evening before we found and took the passengers who were on the S.S. Republic from their open boats, for it was not until that hour that we heard them ringing hand bells, while their boats were kept circling around the badly damaged Republic. We at once took these people on board but Captain Sealby true to the noblest traditions of his hazardous profession insisted upon returning to his ship and going back to his post of duty stood by her until she was actually sinking when he was rescued. As a matter of fact she sank while she was being towed more than 20 hours afterwards.

"Before he left us however, Capt. Sealby told us that we had better look after the S.S. Florida the ship which had rammed his own vessel and which with 1,600 souls on board was in a sinking condition. But although she was only half an hour actual steaming away from us it took us a full hour's search to find her which shows clearly enough how very dense the fog was.

"When we did find her we were informed by her captain that he did not think that he could make New York harbor under his own steam as owing to the fact that her bow was smashed in she could only be steamed backwards. We then and at once began to transfer to our own decks all her passengers, but as the sea was rising this proved to be a very tedious and rather lengthy operation lasting from 8 o'clock in the evening until 10 o'clock the next morning. But everything fortunately went off without so much as a single serious mishap only one woman and one man having been immersed and only for a second or two through the smashing of the companion or accommodation ladder into one of the boats engaged in this work, which shows the boldest way in which the sea was rolling at the time.

"When this very difficult task was fully accomplished it was ten o'clock upon Sunday morning and the splendid Cunarder the S.S. Campania and the S.S. St. Paul and the Anchor liner the S.S. Furberia together with the U. S. Revenue cutter Gresham were all upon the scene of action, and so we proceeded upon our way into New York harbor with these 1,600 extra passengers.

"The S.S. Republic finally sank at 10 o'clock on Sunday morning while she was being towed in Captain Sealby and his first officer Williams being the only two men who were on board of her when she went down.

Captain Sealby, I may add climbed a mast as she was sinking and stood upon the truck while she was disappearing, but with his first officer Williams was safely removed although in a very exhausted condition from his perilous position by means of a boat which was sent out from one of the accompanying steamers. He had previously arranged to burn a blue light if his steamer began to sink for his hope had been that she could be got into shallow water. But this proved to be utterly impossible, as she sank in 23 fathoms of water and is now in a practically unsalvageable condition. Since then a suit has been instituted in New York by the White Star company, the owners of the S.S. Republic against the Italian Lloyds as the owners of the S.S. Florida are known for two million dollars as damages. The Florida was bringing to America refugees from the earthquake disaster at Messina and Southern Italy.

No sooner had the S.S. Baltic arrived in the harbor of New York than we were treated to a very interesting spectacle.

"First of all when she came to Sandy Hook and anchored on account of the fog she was quickly surrounded by the press boats, and while some of those on board took flash light photographs of Captain Ranson, R.N.R., who by the way, had been continuously upon the duty upon the board for 72 hours, others shouted for news of the disaster and of its accompanying incidents through powerful megaphones. It was all exceedingly interesting as well as intensely exciting and as we slowly steamed up the harbor all the boats and revenue cutters as we came abreast of each other one of them successively and shortly saluted us with three great blasts from their whistles and the S.S. Baltic sonorously replied to each in turn.

"And finally when the great S.S. Baltic was docked at the White Star Co.'s docks immense crowds of excited people attempted to press their way upon board to welcome their friends and had to be kept back forcibly by a very strong cordon of police.

"These re-unions of friends were of course very affecting and thrilling, and all these events taken as a whole have left upon the minds of the spectators of them pictures which can never be effaced.

"We were in due course all landed and very shortly afterwards I proceeded upon my long journey to the westward and have come straight through to this city."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Need for a Theatre.
Sir—For a number of years the people of Victoria, and the city in general, have suffered for want of really good musical and dramatic entertainments. There have been several contributory causes, but the chief one—so it has been alleged—has been the insufficient accommodation which our one theatre provides.

Some time last autumn a movement was inaugurated by the Victoria Musical Society to secure the erection of a new theatre. Mr. Flamerfelt was approached, to know whether or not he would not only join such an undertaking but make disposition of a piece of property which by many is considered suitable for such a purpose, and, as requested, he gave an option on this latter, which option expired on the first of January last. Since that time some active spirits have again approached him on this question and he has given his promise to join the undertaking

Mr. Shepherd's Appointment.
Nanaimo, Feb. 1.—The appointment of Mr. Frank Shepherd, of this city, to the important position of chief inspector of coal mines for the province of British Columbia, which appears in the current gazette, is one that meets with the general approval of all Nanaimotians. Mr. Shepherd is a man who has had much experience in mines in all parts of the world, and having occupied responsible positions in many engineering propositions, is well qualified to fill the present appointment.

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President Was Slandered.

Washington, Feb. 1.—For the first time making public a disclaimer of published reports that President Roosevelt, while riding in Rock Creek Park, near this city, struck the horse ridden by a woman who happened to ride near his party, the White House

today gave out a letter received from this young woman's mother. It was dated at Los Angeles, California, January 27th, and read as follows: "My daughter, Miss May Rhodes, whose horse it was reported you struck while riding in the park last Thanksgiving Day, most emphatically denied all knowledge of any such occurrence, and as it is deemed of such importance as to be referred to in Congress, may I be permitted to ask you why you do not deny this story." (Signed) Elizabeth Rhodes.

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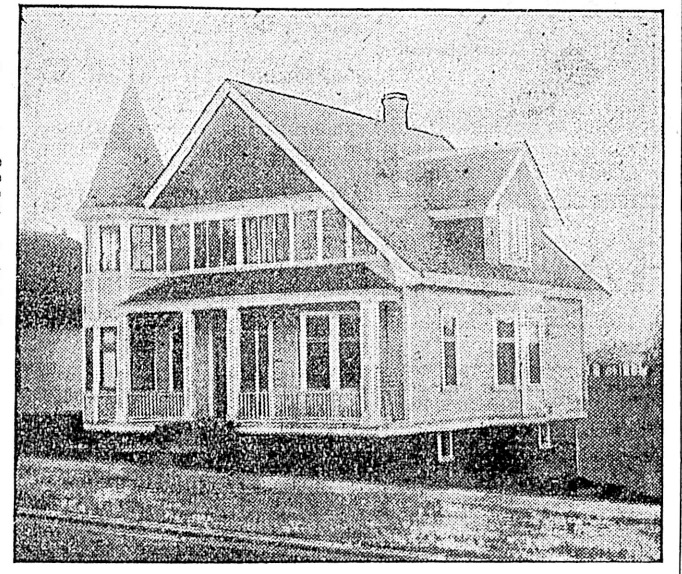
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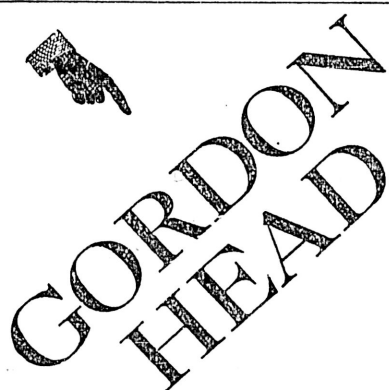
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At Port Simpson, on the northern coast of British Columbia, a notable entertainment took place not long ago. This was nothing less than the rendering of Handel's Oratorio, "The Messiah," by a choral society consisting of some fifty full-blooded Indians, before an audience composed in large measure of British Columbia aborigines. To those who know, even vaguely, the history of the Pacific Coast Indians, the importance of this event will at once be plain. An account of the entertainment, in the words of one of the musicians, himself a full-blooded Tsimpsian Indian, is here given.

On the 4th of January, 1909, there came to Port Simpson, B. C., on the Canadian Pacific Railway steamer Princess May, a party of about fifty Indians, young men and women with their music books and instruments from the Metlakatla, Alaska. A large crowd of the Port Simpson Indians greeted them on the wharf. No sooner had the visitors landed than they were escorted to a hall where a wondrous dinner was prepared and served by the Indian residents. And when the interchange of addresses were over, after the dinner, the Alaska visitors were assigned to their various places of entertainment after which they quietly left the hall and disappeared among the houses of Port Simpson.

It might be well here before we proceed further to give a very brief account of the place and the party of Indian visitors of which we speak. Port Simpson is on the northern border along the shore line of British Columbia. It is a beautiful place even during the winter months, and contains about a thousand inhabitants, perhaps eight or nine hundred of whom are Tsimpsian Indians. There are in this place several stores, some of which are owned by the Indians. It has a large Methodist mission which comprises a church edifice, a day school, a home for children and a large hospital. Besides the post office, the telegraph station, custom house, etc., there are at Port Simpson some public institutions such as are necessary for the welfare and comfort of the town. We find here among the Indians a municipal organization, and to it is due the orderly behavior of the native residents. Evidences of civilized life are clearly seen everywhere. What a difference between the Port Simpson of today and the Port Simpson of a half a century ago! Even among the Indians of the North Pacific coast the world steadily moves forward!

And the Alaska Indian visitors of which we speak, who were they and why did they come to Port Simpson? These visitors were the descendants, every one of them, of the Tsimpsian Indians that were converted to Christianity through the labors of Mr. William Duncan, a missionary from England, a half a century ago. They came in connection with the jubilee celebrations in honor of William Duncan as a missionary among the Tsimpsian Indians of British Columbia that these young men and women formed themselves into a choral society for the purpose of rendering on that occasion some well known pieces of music, among which was Handel's oratorio, "The Messiah."

When the celebrations were first planned the committee in charge wanted them to be carried out at Port Simpson on October 1, 2, and 3, 1907, as being the place where Mr. Duncan first started his noble work in 1857. But unavoidable obstacles compelled the Metlakatla people to observe the jubilee celebrations at New Metlakatla, Alaska. However, the thought of visiting Port Simpson even with a small crowd of singers was never abandoned; and at last on the 4th of January, in the presence of the British Columbia Choral Society, which was open and the Metlakatla Choral Society came to Port Simpson to complete the unfinished part of the jubilee celebrations, in honor of William Duncan, who first came from England among the Indians of the North Pacific coast. And it was to show their gratitude for the benefits of a Christian civilization through the self-sacrifice of one man that the Indian visitors came from Alaska to Port Simpson as referred to above.

The plan of the Metlakatla Choral Society on their arrival, and with the hearty approval of the Port Simpson people, was to give three public performances during their two weeks' stay. This plan was carried out to the satisfaction of the entire community. Besides these musical exhibitions the Port Simpson Indians served luncheons and dinners to the visitors. There were also public meetings, some of which were religious, and in all of these assemblies addresses were made and important questions were discussed relative to the progress of the Indians.

Without mentioning all the other public entertainments, let us enter the Methodist church at Port Simpson and witness the performance of Handel's great oratorio "The Messiah," by a band of Indian singers, about fifty in number, including the director, organist and members of the orchestra.

The old building is profusely decorated with evergreens and British flags and emblems. On the platform are the singers and orchestra. The girls are dressed in plain white silk, and very little ornaments of any kind are worn. The young men plainly show that they come from a plain and working people. We find none of the operative adornments around the singers. The five soloists, including the trumpet, cannot be distinguished from the rest, except when each one comes forward to perform his or her part. The soloists did their parts very well, and considering their very limited opportunities to acquire any musical education, musical culture, they compare well with professional singers anywhere. The organist, as is the case with more than half of the singers, has been to elementary school only, and for a short time early in life; yet he reads and speaks good English, as well as being able to read any musical composition both classical and modern. The director has had better advantages; and although an Indian, yet he possesses a collegiate and university education. On the evening of which we speak the choral society seems to be extremely modest in manner and very indifferent to the tremendous applause of the audience. The oratorio that evening was performed from the beginning to the end, with the usual omissions, by the Metlakatla Choral Society, with the grace and dignity of a professional organization. Not a single false note was sounded; not a single passage was carelessly handled. The theme of the oratorio was correctly interpreted and put to correct execution. From the

noble overture to the thunderous amen, the Metlakatla Choral Society performed with precision, ability and an enlightened feeling, the work of a great master—an inspired work supposed by some to be the greatest of all musical compositions.

The climax was reached when the Hallelujah Chorus was sung. It seemed as if every member was more than full of the theme of the passage. The audience rose to its feet and stood gazing upward as if they were actually witnessing something in the skies! After listening to the rendering of "The Messiah," the Port Simpson Indians exclaimed, "What grand music! What a grand theme! How well the Metlakatla Choral Society sings!"

Yes, the Indians at last can sing "The Messiah." When they were practicing many of the most debasing heathen customs a half century ago, who ever thought that some day the very descendants of those savage aborigines would render that great oratorio? The Indians can sing, and we believe that they can do more than sing. Let us hope that in the near future we shall find among the ranks of useful and enlightened citizenship these very Indians.

After a stay of two weeks at Port Simpson, during which time they were royally welcomed and entertained by the Port Simpson people, and when the elegant steamship "Princess May" visitors took passage and went back to their homes across the boundary.

ONE OF THE VISITORS.
MORE CIVIL MARRIAGES

Simple Ceremony is Becoming More Popular Yearly in Scotland

Glasgow, Feb. 1.—Civil marriages are growing on the increase in Scotland, and their arrangement provides a lucrative business for a certain class of solicitors in Glasgow and other large towns. All the newspapers, particularly those circulating in the country districts, contain many advertisements, of which the following is an example:—

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The ceremony is of the simplest form. The couple go before the Registrar of Marriages and declare they accept each other as husband and wife. On reaching the sheriff they are simply asked if they are the persons whose names are given. On two witnesses, however, develops the real part of the ceremony, which is to swear that one of the parties has lived in Scotland for twenty-one days previous to marriage and that they have accepted each other of their own free will and while in their sound and sober senses. One sheriff has been known to marry a dozen couples in succession. The late Sheriff-Principal Guthrie, a most religious man, always gave such couples the parting advice to go and get decently married by a minister.

During the past year representatives of every trade and profession present themselves before the sheriff at Glasgow, these including doctors, lawyers, music-hall managers, teachers, students, and commercial travellers.

CHANTECLER IN PARIS

Story of Rostand's Play is Recalled by Paris Production

Paris, Feb. 1.—"Chantecler" really does exist. The first act does, at any rate, for it has been read by M. Jean Coquelin, at the Porte St. Martin Theatre to the company which will play it. For the sake of all, save those Parisians to whom nothing theatrical in Paris is foreign, the history of the play, if the piece really exists in entirety, must be recalled. After the success of "L'Alouette," following that of "Cyrano de Bergerac," M. Edmond Rostand announced that he was at work upon another play in verse, "Chantecler." Since then, every week or so, year in year out, Parisians have heard either the play was finished or that it was not actually even begun, or that it had been destroyed, and not a soul, except the author himself, and his wife presumably, and possibly M. Constant Coquelin and his son Jean, really knew how matters stood. "Chantecler" has become a by-word, and the play has been perhaps even written, it has been parodied a dozen times already. Now there is proof positive that the first act, at least, is ready. The plot is still a secret, but the characters have been known for years. They are the birds of the air and the beasts of the field, and the play is a comedy, or, to be of course, impersonated by Coquelin himself. One of the scenes is laid in a farmyard. Madame Simone, formerly Le Bargy, is to be the Hen; Madame Augustine Lerche, a star of force, the Guinea Fowl; M. Gallpau, an up-and-down comic actor, the Maple; M. Derivis, who has majesty, the great Barn Owl; the ringleader of the birds' conspiracy; and M. Jean Coquelin the watch-dog. It is easy to guess that M. Rostand has gone back for his inspiration to ancient folk-lore such as the "Roman du Renard," if which Iker Fox is the modern descendant, but he does not seem to have introduced Reynard. The company, to whom the first act has been read, say it is "magnificent, splendid, sublime," but vouchsafe no further information. The production, deferred for five years or more, is now announced for the coming month of March.

President Had No Automobile.

Paris, Feb. 1.—An amusing incident happened to the President of the Republic at the inauguration of the Paris motor-car salon in the Champs Elysees. President Fallieres drove up to the Grand Palais in his carriage. As he stepped out of it there was a roar of laughter, and M. Fallieres asked what it all meant. None of his suite could tell him, but a chauffeur on the edge of the crowd pointed to the horse. "A hippomobile here!" he said. The President was very much amused, sent his carriage back to the Elysee, and when he left the Grand Palais a fine 60 h.p. car was waiting to take him home again. He had realized, as well as the crowd did, that horses at a motor-car salon were a little out of place.

The fraud charge against John F. Mills at Welland was dismissed. Wm. Foczek is president of the Rubber Jobbers' Association of Canada.

THE REIGN OF PEACE TO BE SHORT LIVED

Quiet in Near East is Considered Lull Before the Storm

Belgrade, Feb. 1.—The situation in the Near East is quiet at present but it may be confidently predicted that this condition cannot last. The Servians were the first of the Christian subjects of the Porte to rise in revolt, and to endeavor to work out their own salvation. This was in the year 1804. For close on a quarter of a century did the Serbs wage their unequal battle. At one time they would sweep all before them, at another they would be defeated with a crushing and cruel slaughter. Greece. She had no ancient history with which to appeal to the sentiment of Europe, or if she had Europe was ignorant of her past. The fleets of the Powers could not stand by to see fair play. She had to fight alone, and the success of her efforts led the Greeks to follow her example.

It is true that the Servian subjects of the Sultan received help from their brethren who were subjects of the Austrian monarchy, but this help was given surreptitiously. The Grand Seigneur was still a power to be feared, and Austria had no desire to find herself embroiled with Turkey. Still the Serbs fought on till their freedom was acknowledged by the Porte, and Serbia became an independent State. The area of the new principality was very confined. Bosnia and Herzegovina, both peopled by Serbs, still remained under the domination of the Porte, and frequently the efforts they made to follow the lead of their more fortunate brethren on the eastern banks of the Drina. In all these efforts the Serbs of Bosnia received material aid from the Serbs of Serbia, and when the Bosnian rebellion of 1875 broke out, the Serbs rose also, and declared war against Turkey.

This was a bold challenge, but the outcome of the campaign, disastrous as it was for the gallant little principality, was not without honor. Osman Pasha, who afterwards became famous as the heroic defender of Plevna, was held at bay for many long weeks under the heights of Zlatihar, and a second Servian army entrenched on the hills to the north of Alexanzatz barred the advance of the main Turkish army until the Powers intervened and a truce was declared. In this campaign the Serbs were aided by a strong contingent of Russian volunteers under General Tcherniaeff, as well as by a foreign legion in which many English were enrolled. With a few months of the cessation of this war a second and still more sanguinary conflict broke out between Russia and Turkey, and Serbia, still weak from the exhausting struggle of the recent campaign, did not hesitate to free will and arms, and advance against the Turkish army holding Nisch.

On this occasion the Serbs were victorious, defeating the Ottoman troops and capturing Nisch, and there is no doubt that this diversion held in check some 40,000 Turks, and so facilitated the Russian passage of the Balkans. Russia has never shown herself grateful to her allies. When the Turks, thanks in a large measure to the assistance of the Roumanians and the Serbs, had been forced to sue for peace, Russia occupied herself with carving out of the conquered kingdom a new province, to be called Bulgaria, but Rumania and Serbia were left unrewarded. In the treaty of Berlin the two provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina were placed under the Austrian administration, instead of being incorporated with the little kingdom to whose gallant efforts they really owed their freedom.

It is this act of injustice which has rankled in the breasts of the Serbs for thirty years, and which renders them such uncompromising foes of the Dual Monarchy today. Everybody remembers how unwillingly the Bosnians accepted their new masters, and how gallantly they fought to preserve their so-called freedom and to emancipate themselves from Austrian control. It required an army of 100,000 men and a four months' campaign before the provisions of the Treaty of Berlin were enforced. All this time the Serbs in the little kingdom stood looking sullenly on. They were in no condition, after wars with Turkey, to enter upon one with Austria, but none the less they never hesitated to protest against the injustice of the Treaty of Berlin, and to expose the hardship of the rule of the Austrians over their brethren on the far side of the Drina.

For many years there have been two standing prophecies with regard to affairs in the Near East. The one is that on the death of the Emperor Francis Joseph, the Dual Monarchy would fall to pieces, the other "there will be trouble in the Balkans in the spring." To the Serbs the death of the Emperor means the release of the two administered provinces from the Austrian yoke, and their incorporation with Serbia. There is no doubt that if a plebiscite of the inhabitants was taken there would be an overwhelming majority in favor of this step. In 1885 the Powers sanctioned the transfer of Eastern Roumelia in Bulgaria; why then should not the wishes of the inhabitants of Bosnia be consulted now? The campaign the Bosnians waged to stultify the Treaty of Berlin shows how bitterly they regarded the action of the Great Powers in handing them over to the Hapsburgs like a flock of sheep, and now that Austria has converted the term "administration" into "annexation," the Serbs of Bosnia and the Serbs of Serbia, if allied, agreed to throw down the gauntlet to Austria as they did to Turkey three and thirty years ago.

The Serbs are Slavs, and they will not fight alone. In the Servian war of 1876 some 30,000 Russian volunteers crossed the Danube to their aid. The same thing will happen today. Austria has enemies other than the Slavs, and already Garibaldi has offered to place his sword at the disposal of King Peter, and he announces that he will come with 30,000 Italians to aid in their liberation of Bosnia. The Serb migrants in the United States are already crossing the Atlantic to fight for their Fatherland.

A war between Serbia and Austria would be a guerrilla campaign. The Serb could not hope to defend the open districts in the north of the Kingdom, and it must be conceded that the Austrian army could occupy the heart of the Danube without much difficulty, but then they advance into the mountainous regions, some thirty miles to the south of Belgrade, their

difficulties will commence. Serbia will then be a nation in arms. Its fighting strength must not be judged by the number of battalions it can put in the field, but by the number of rifles. It was the Haiduks, or brigands who broke the strength of the Turks. Every Serb is a born shot, and every Serb will fall into the ranks when once the word is passed that the Austrians are on the way to Belgrade. The Serbs can put close on 500,000 men into the field.

On paper Austria can oppose to this force fifteen army corps. It is hardly possible that Turkey would hold aloof in the event of a war between Serbia and Austria.

A CHAIN OF TROUBLE
Countess Steiser Attempts Suicide as Result of Sad Experiences

Paris, Feb. 1.—Madame Helene Steiser, known as Countess Steiser, a very pretty young woman, who had some very unpleasant adventures in the past, has just attempted suicide in consequence of another disagreeable incident, having been abandoned by her sexagenarian lover. Her troubles began before she was 20 years of age, when she learned that the man with whom she had gone through a wedding ceremony, and whom she quite naturally considered her husband, was already married, and had a wife and children living. There was a trial and a separation, after which the Countess resided quietly for some ten years in Paris. About two years ago she met a very kind, elderly man, with whom she fell in love. At last she thought that she was about to have a lawful husband, but she learned that he also was married. Her hopes vanished, but she nevertheless maintained an affectionate admiration for her elderly lover, when two adventurers got into the secret, and eventually blackmailed her out of nearly everything she possessed. One of them was recently convicted and

given lodgings in jail, but this did not help her to recover her lost means. As a climax, her lover also withdrew when the trial was over, in consequence of a letter sent by one of the blackmailers. After this the Countess thought that she had nothing more to live for, and proceeded to commit suicide in a hotel at Fontainebleau by swallowing laudanum. Before making the attempt she sent a letter to her friend in Paris, who at once rushed to the station, caught the train in time, and just got to Fontainebleau as the Countess was about to breathe her last. The vigorous intervention of her friend, a doctor, and a gendarme saved her, though it took twenty-four hours for her to recover consciousness. As soon as she did so she reached out for a revolver, which she had hidden under her pillow, but her friend had been beforehand and taken out the six cartridges with which she had loaded it. The Countess thereupon promised to make no further attempt on her life.

Rhodes Scholars from United States.
London, Feb. 1.—Some of the humorous aspects of the Cecil Rhodes scholarships scheme were revealed in the course of the discussion on "Oxford and the Empire" at the Royal Colonial Institute recently. A scholar from one of the western American states came to Oxford with this Bret Hart-like testimonial: "He is the whitest soul in our state." Another selected Rhodesian from the far west had at Oxford to live up to an even higher ideal of human perfection: "No Roman mother ever bore such a boy." The United States are gaining more from the bounty of Mr. Rhodes than the British empire. One speaker expressed his belief that in drawing up his great scheme Mr. Rhodes did not know the number of states in the American republic.

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FOR SALE—Fine young grand, cheap. Matthews, Holly street, Oaklands. 31

FOR SALE—General purpose team, or will sell single. Apply 337 Quebec St. 31

WANTED—Team, about 1200 lbs. each. Box 37, Colonsist. 31

FOR SALE—Team of good work horses, harness and wagon. Apply Box 29, Esquimalt. 31

WANTED—Ox team. Apply Box 37, Colonsist. 31

FOR SALE—Fifty White Leghorn pullets, laying, \$35; 14-foot cedar skiff, new, 15. G. Maude, Mayne, B. C. 31

FOR SALE—Bay gelding, suitable for lady to drive; price \$75. Sylvester Feed Co. 31

FOR SALE—Wagon and fresh calved Jersey cow. 1001 McCaskill St., off Pine St. 31

HORSES FOR SALE—Just arrived, carload young horses, eastern bred and broken; heavy draft general purpose and roadsters. Thompson & Stephenson, stable corner Chambers and Calcedonia. 31

WANTED—Six pure bred barred Rock and rooster; also four Rhode Island Red with rooster. 362, Colonsist. 31

WANTED—Six pure bred barred Rock and rooster; also four Rhode Island Red with rooster; state price. 962, Colonsist. 31

HORSES FOR SALE—Apply 2749 Quadra St. 31

BERKSHIRE PIGS—Several young boars, good ones. G. H. Hadwen, Duncan. 31

TO RENT—RESIDENCES

TO LET—For three months or more, furnished, 8-roomed house, good locality. Address Box 44, Colonsist. 31

TO LET—5-room house; also furnished house. 728 Hillside. 31

TO LET—New house, 5 rooms, bath, collar, Collins St. Apply Phone 1242. 31

TO RENT—2½ story house with one acre of land on Rockland avenue. Apply to T. Shotbolt, 589 Johnson St. 31

EMPLOYMENT BUREAUS

WING ON CHINESE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY—Wood and coal for sale, also scavenging. 1709 Government St. Phone 23. 31

ALL KINDS of Chinese labor supplied. Yin Thom, 1630 Government street. Phone A1749. 31

JAPANESE, HINDU, AND CHINESE EMPLOYMENT OFFICE—All kinds of labor, general contractor, 1800 Government street, Phone 1630. 31

THE DEVEREUX EMPLOYMENT AGENCY
1910 Yates. Hours—2 to 5 p. m. Phone 447. 31

AN EXPERIENCED certificated nurse seeks position; infant from a month old preferable. 31

A CERTIFICATED English nurse offers her services as traveling companion to invalid or otherwise. 31

THREE CAPABLE WOMEN want housecleaning, full or half days. 31

TWO COMPETENT GENERAL MAIDS want situations; good plain cooking and housework (city). 31

MISCELLANEOUS.

BY THE Workman's Sick Benefit Society of B. C. notice is hereby given that the "Paddy McElroy" joining the Tinpanists, in aid of the Old Ladies' Home, Semple Hall, February 4 and 5, at 8 p. m. Admission 25 cents. 31

TO LET—Unfurnished lower flat of a two-story house, close in. Box 33, Colonsist. 31

FOR SALE—Nice building lot, on St. Andrews St., near Beacon Hill park, for quick sale \$950. D. C. Reid & Co., 9 Mahon Building, Phone 1191. 31

FOR SALE—The highest and finest lot on Belmont Ave., for quick sale, \$950. This street is to be improved and boulevard. Shortly D. C. Reid & Co., 9 Mahon Building, Phone 1191. 31

TO RENT—Shack. Apply 944 Mason St. 31

OLDS light touring automobile for sale; will exchange for Canadian North-West Oil stock. Apply Box 23, Colonsist. 31

SHACKS, COTTAGES—Contracts wanted to build, from \$150 to \$2500, town or country. New, effective designs and estimates free. Jobbing, repair work. Sidney Baker, 403 Menzies. 31

LADY wishes to dispose of some very pretty rings, cheap. Apply Colonsist, Box 5. 31

TO LOAN—\$1,000, not necessarily real estate security. Apply P. O. Box 238. 31

FOR SALE—Cheap—One 10 h. p. two-cylinder gasoline engine; complete with all fittings. P. O. Box 67, city. 31

FOR SALE—Cheap—One 17-foot launch hull, new. P. O. Box 67, city. 31

GOOD ALARM CLOCKS from \$1.00 up. Redfern & Sons, Government St. 31

MRS. EARSMAN, electric light baths; medical massage. 1029 Yates St. Phone B-725. 31

FOR SALE—Buggies, delivery and farm wagons, gasoline engines, fencing, etc. B. C. Hardware Co., 510 Johnson St. 31

BRASS CASTINGS of all descriptions for machinists and launch builders. E. Coleman, shop 640 Pembroke St. 31

FOR SALE—Seven h.p. motor 4 cycle engine, 1908, nearly new, \$300. Leatham, Mayne, Island. 31

PEDIGREE Alsatian terrier (blotch) \$30. Apply Geo. A. Allen, Duncan. 31

TREE PRUNING and spraying, done by the day, week or contract. H. Lewis, 141 Scoresby St., City. 31

CORDWOOD—First-class \$5.50 for cash, also cut wood. Hull, Phone 1124. 31

STUMP PULLER for sale or for hire, and contracts taken. G. Ducrest, Burnside Road. 31

ALFRED JONES, carpenter and joiner. Jobbing and promptly attended to. 800 Fort street, corner Blanchard. Phone B-759. 31

SEVERAL good propositions in rooming houses and other investments in real estate yielding revenues of \$100 to \$400 per month. Several good paying businesses for sale; also lots in a growing district from \$150 up. For particulars of these and other paying propositions apply to Wakley & Co., 411 Pender St., Vancouver, B. C. 31

FRENCH DRESSMAKING—Mlle. Vital has removed her business to 1120 Calcedonia Ave. 31

GENERAL TEAMING DONE, ploughing, and a quantity of old manure for sale. J. Richards, 1122 Queen's Ave. Phone B-1879. 31

ANTIQUE JEWELRY, Diamonds, Engravings and Pictures bought and sold. Mrs. A. A. Aarons, 55 John St. 31

BAGGAGE Promptly handled at current rates by the Victoria Transfer Co., Phone 129. Office open night and day. 31

NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY MILL WOOD; it's cheap and good; \$3.00 for a large double load cut in live lengths, \$2.50 per cord, 4 ft. long. Cameron Lumber Co., Ltd. Phone 910. 31

COTTON RAGS wanted at the Colonsist Job Department. 31

WANTED—TO PURCHASE

WANTED—50 to 100 acres good farming land, partly cleared. Particulars 951, Colonsist. 31

WANTED—Small row boat, punt, or canoe. State price. 962 Blanchard St. 31

WANTED—To purchase, old mahogany furniture, clocks, grandfather clocks, coins, stamps, etc. A. A. Aarons, 55 John street. 31

FOR SALE—RESIDENCES

FOR SALE—Modern 8 roomed cottage, large lot and outbuildings. \$3,000.00. Apply Box 22, Colonsist. 31

FOR SALE—St. Charles St., almost new 8 room house, all modern improvements, good basement, one acre lot, fruit trees, garden, chicken house, tool shed, etc. Purchaser can subdivide. No reasonable offer refused. Box 156 city. 31

FOR SALE—New bungalow, ideal home, off Dallas Road, sea view, near car line, 4 rooms, bath room, w. c., hot and cold water, hall, pantry, all modern improvements. A. snap. 31

FOR SALE—Farm of 20 acres, near Duncan, fronting on Somers Lake, majority cultivated. Modern house, outbuildings, water laid on, orchard; also 4 acres suitable for market gardening or residential purposes. Box 234 Duncan. 31

PROPERTY FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Fine corner lot, 60 x 120. Beautiful view, 7 minutes' walk from post office. Box 39 Colonsist. 31

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WANTED—FEMALE HELP

WANTED—Competent woman for country, to assist in housework and care of two children. 1770 Rockland. 31

WANTED—Companion for lady; must be willing to be generally useful in country home. 58, Colonsist. 31

WANTED—Young lady for real estate office; nice place; easy work. Apply in your own handwriting. Advertiser 55 Colonsist. 31

WANTED—Sales lady for whitewash department; must have experience. Apply Mrs. M. A. Vigor, 644 Yates. 31

WANTED—Lady going to Kamloops in week's time requires immediately the services of general help for few months to assist with children and housework. Apply box 820 Colonsist. 31

GIRLS wanted for biscuit packing. Apply Popham Bros. 31

WANTED—MALE HELP

BOY wanted for all day work; one with own wheel preferred. Angus Campbell & Co., Limited. 31

WANTED—Successful man to represent an old reliable Canadian Nursery in Victoria and other island points. Apply for particulars to Chas. L. Trotter, Manager, 1125 8th Ave., W. Vancouver, B. C. 31

WANTED—700 men and women to hear E. T. Kingsley of Vancouver at the Socialist meeting, Grand theatre, Sunday, Jan. 24, 8 p. m. Admission free. 31

WANTED—Experienced press feeder at the Colonsist Job Department. 31

WANTED—One reliable man in every town to take orders for best custom made clothes in Canada. Highest commission. Rex Tailoring Co., Toronto. 31

Legislative Assembly

PRIVATE BILLS.
Excerpt from Rules and Orders Relating to Private Bills.

All applications for Private Bills, properly the subject of legislation by the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, within the purview of the British North America Act, require a notice, specifying the nature and object of the application and indicating generally the location of the work, and signed by or on behalf of the applicant.

Such notice to be published in the British Columbia Gazette, and in one newspaper published in the district affected, and if no such newspaper is published therein, then in a newspaper in the next nearest district in which a newspaper is published.

Such notice shall be continued in each case for a period of at least six weeks, during the interval of time between the close of the last session of the House and the consideration of the petition.

No petition is received by the House after the first ten days of the session, nor may any private bill be introduced after the first three weeks of the session, nor may any report of any committee upon Private Bill be received after the first four weeks of the session.

This rule may only be suspended upon motion following a report of the Private Bills Committee, and if suspended, done in the same manner, give notice of the suspension to the House, and clear days before the first day of the session the applicant is to pay to the clerk, the House fees, and deposit at the same time five hundred dollars to be paid to the clerk of the House, and a copy of the petition duly signed, and a copy of the published notices. The failure to comply with the above necessitates the payment of double fees.

Before any petition praying for leave to bring in a Private Bill, is received by the House, the promoters of the bill, intending to petition for such bill, shall, upon giving the notice prescribed by the rules, also at the same time and in the same manner, give notice of the rates which they intend to ask the extent of the privilege, the height of the arches, the interval between the abutments or piers for the bridges, the rafts and vessels, and mentioning also whether they intend to erect a draw-bridge or not, and the dimensions of the same.

All Private Bills for Acts of Incorporation shall be so framed as to incorporate by reference the clauses of the General Act relating to the details to be provided for by such bills. Special provisions shall be established for any proposed departure from this principle, or for the introduction of other provisions as to such details, and a note shall be appended to the bill indicating the provisions thereof in which the General Act is proposed to be departed from. Bills which are not framed in accordance with this rule shall be re-cast by the promoters and reprinted at their expense before any committee passed upon the clauses.

All Private Bills shall be prepared by the parties applying for the same, and printed in small plain type, twenty to the page, by fifty ems, on good paper, in imperial octavo form, each page when folded measuring 10½ by 7½ inches. There shall be a marginal number every first line of each page, and numbering of the lines is to be run off through the bill. The lines of each page are to be numbered separately. If amendments are made to any bill during its progress before a committee or through the House, such bill shall be reprinted by the promoters thereof.

By new Rule 65A, passed on the 2nd April, 1901, (see Journals, 1901, page 58), a model form of Railway Bill is adopted and must be used.

Amendments to bills incorporating or amending bills incorporating railway companies are to be drawn in accordance with the Model

